

THE TIMES MONDAY

It has been said of Iris Murdoch: "She makes good books and bad interviews". In the Times Profile, Rachel Billington disproves the common wisdom, tracking Murdoch via Oxford, London and France to her home by the banks of the Avon in Salisbury. She proved in a talkative mood and spoke of feminism, being childless, voting Labour, the Common Market, buying second-hand and Buddhism. Bernard Levin bemoans the passing of the fighting spirit of Hugh Gaiskill in the Labour Party today and takes to task Dennis Healey and the way he has embraced the party's policy on unilateral disarmament.

38 years after bunker suicide

Hitler's secret diaries to be published

The diaries were recovered from an aircraft which crashed soon after leaving Berlin in April, 1945. Hitler approved the "peace" flight to Scotland in 1941 by his deputy, Rudolf Hess. He ordered his troops not to destroy the

British Expeditionary Force trapped at Dunkirk in 1940. He thought Neville Chamberlain was a skilled negotiator and admired his toughness. Historian Lord Dacre (Hugh Trevor-Roper) discusses the authenticity of the diaries on page 8.

By Michael Binyon

Sixty volumes of hitherto unknown diaries kept by Adolf Hitler throughout his 12-year dictatorship have been discovered after lying for almost 35 years concealed at an undisclosed location in East Germany.

The diaries also disclose that Hitler personally gave orders that the German forces should not destroy the British Expeditionary Force trapped at Dunkirk in 1940, in the hope that by not humiliating the British Empire, he could conclude a negotiated peace with a British government led by an alternative to Churchill.

"However, when I had entered the back room in the Swiss bank, and turned the pages of those volumes, and learnt the extraordinary story of their discovery, my doubts gradually dissolved", he writes in The Times today.

The documents are of momentous historical significance. They are now in a Swiss bank vault and have been painstakingly typed and analysed by experts for the past two and a half years.

After Stern announced the discovery of the diaries yesterday, two leading West German historians of the Nazi period

"I am now satisfied that the documents are authentic: and that the standard accounts of Hitler's writing habits, of his personality and even, perhaps, of some public events may, in consequence, have to be revised."

Lord Dacre, who as Mr Hugh Trevor-Roper investigated the circumstances of Hitler's death for British intelligence after the war, is among those who are convinced that the diaries are genuine.

Extracts from the astonishing documents, which will significantly alter historical judgments on Hitler's strategic thinking, exercise of power and personality, are to be published in West Germany by the weekly magazine Stern. They are also to be serialized in The Sunday Times.

The main questions surrounding their discovery are how they came to light more than 35 years after Hitler's death, and how they have been preserved in such good condition.

The diaries begin in 1932 and go up to Hitler's final days in the Berlin bunker. They are written in ink in 100-page volumes, sealed with Nazi eagle and swastika insignia and signed at the bottom of each page.

Hitler kept their existence a close secret, confiding them only to Martin Bormann, his secretary, who was responsible for packing them in steel containers and sending them out of Berlin on one of the final aircraft to leave the encircled city on April 21, 1945.

According to the evidence reconstructed by Stern, two aircraft left Tempelhof airport, Berlin, within five minutes of each other on the evening of April 21.

One, piloted by a man called Grandflinger, flew south and crashed in the Erzgebirge, on the borders of Czechoslovakia, killing the pilot. When told of the loss in one of the last telephone messages to reach the bunker from southern Germany, Hitler exclaimed that the diaries had been his private archive, which had been intended as a testimony for posterity.

Prof. Eberhart Jaekel of Stuttgart University, who recently edited a book entitled Adolf Hitler's entire Writings 1905-1924, said that his first reaction was one of "extreme scepticism".

Lord Dacre, who inspected the diaries at the request of The Times, said he too had immediately supposed they were forgeries.

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cast doubt on their authenticity. Herr Werner Maser, who was contacted by the magazine, said: "I have not seen their evidence, but everything speaks against it. It smacks of pure sensationalism."

Hitler threw new light on the flight of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, to Scotland in May, 1941. His plan to make peace with Britain in now disclosed as having been personally approved by Hitler, who wanted to take Britain out of the war before he attacked Russia. When Hess was captured, Hitler declared he was insane.

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Opponents of June poll 'have won the day'

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

A number of ministers and advisers in the Prime Minister's closest confidence believe that she would be profoundly mistaken to hold a general election before October at the earliest, and that she now agrees with them.

Despite the further step towards a 4 per cent inflation rate announced yesterday, and the greater pressure on Mrs Margaret Thatcher to turn that to her party's advantage, those who favour delay believe that they have won the campaign for her ear.

In recent days Mrs Margaret Thatcher, despite her reputation as one who prefers her own advice to that of most other people, has been canvassing with unusual attentiveness the opinions of senior colleagues in the Government and in the Conservative Party organization.

She has heard persuasive arguments both for and against a June election, but with the weight of opinion heavily in favour of June.

She has been told that soundings among ministers and among Conservative backbenchers show a distinct preference for June, based on the belief that economic recovery may be delayed or wrecked by factors outside the Govern-

ment's control and that the Government's apparent popularity in the opinion polls may vanish.

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Hurd meets PLO aide in Tunisia

By Henry Stanhope

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, met Mr Faruk Kaddumi, head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organization, in Tunis yesterday and told him that Britain regarded the breakdown of talks between King Hussein of Jordan and the PLO as a "serious check" on the peace process in the Middle East.

Yesterday's meeting is seen by the Foreign Office as an important step in Britain's attempt to revive the Reagan peace proposal to which there is no alternative in sight. But the meeting, which was not altogether unexpected during Mr Hurd's visit to Tunisia, drew immediate condemnation from the Board of Deputies of British Jews which called the meeting a "shocking reversal" of British policy towards the PLO.

Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary, and other officials however maintain that it was entirely consistent and that the Government is ready to talk to the PLO below Cabinet minister level.

Mr Hurd urged Mr Kaddumi, the PLO's "Foreign Minister" to use his moderating influence.

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Big chief Prince Edward



Fresh BL talks as strikers stay out

By David Felton Labour Correspondent

Fresh talks between union leaders and BL management were hastily arranged last night as the crisis at the strike-bound Cowley plant deepened.

The talks were called after about 3,000 of the strikers voted at a mass meeting to continue the four-week "washing-up" strike which threatens the future of the plant. They decided not to meet again until Friday.

Immediately the result of the meeting was known Mr Terence Duffy, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, got in touch with Mr Harold Musgrove, Austin-Rover chairman, to ask for a further meeting aimed at resolving the strike by the 3,000 assembly workers.

Mr Musgrove, Mr Duffy, Mr Mostyn Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, along with other union officials went to last night's talks at a hotel near Heathrow Airport, London.

The talks were given added urgency by a statement from Mr John Butcher, the Department of Industry junior minister with responsibility for the West Midlands. He said in Birmingham that the strike-affected Maestro could be produced by BL elsewhere if the Cowley plant was closed permanently.

It is understood that capacity could be made available for the Maestro at the Longbridge plant and the former Rover factory at Solihull is still mothballed.

Cowley also produces the Ambassador, Triumph Acclaim and Rover models.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, also stepped into the dispute yesterday accusing the workers of throwing away the prospect of higher earnings "almost as if in a fit of madness. It is immensely sad."

There was a smaller majority to continue the strike at yesterday's mass meeting at Cowley than at a previous meeting. There were indications that some workers may defy the decision and go into work on Monday.

The meeting agreed that a mass picket should be mounted at the factory gate on Monday to prepare for that contingency. BL was taking heart from what it saw as a gradual swing of opinion against the strike after big majorities at the four earlier mass meetings to continue the dispute. Yesterday's majority was about two to one.

Managers were planning to open the plant on Monday in the hope of encouraging strikers to return and weaken the union's bargaining position.

BL said that the vote to continue the strike which has cost production of 17,000 cars with a showroom value of about £90m had been carried by a "slender majority" despite pressure from union officials to reject the company's offer.

Inflation down to 15-year low

By Frances Williams Economics Correspondent

Prices rose by 4.6 per cent in the year to March, the smallest increase for 15 years, the Department of Employment announced yesterday.

The news was greeted with jubilation by the ministers and there were confident official predictions that the annual inflation will fall to a low of around 4 per cent next month.

The May figures, due to be announced in mid-June, are likely to be the best for some time. Some City analysts believe it could be as low as 3.5 per cent. But by the summer inflation is expected to be rising again as higher import costs pushed up by the lower value of sterling filter through to prices in the shops.

The Treasury expects inflation to rise to around 6 per cent by the end of the year, staying at that level in the first half of next year. But most private forecasters expect prices to be rising by at least 7 or 8 per cent early in 1984.

Meanwhile, however, ministers are determined to make the most of their success so far. Mr Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday's figures marked a new victory in the war against inflation.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Employment Secretary, said Britain's inflation rate was now firmly established among the seven best countries of the developed world. The exceptionally good March figures were good news for the country's consumers, its companies and its customers.

Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, also said the inflation figures were "excellent news".

Prices rose by 0.2 per cent in March, leaving the retail price index standing at 327.9 (January 1974 = 100). This was 4.6 per cent higher than a year earlier, down sharply from 5.3 per cent in February, and less than half the 10.4 per cent in March 1982.

Mr Tebbit said yesterday that food prices, of particular importance to pensioners and families with children, had risen by less than 1p in the pound in the last 12 months, the lowest increase for 20 years.

But fuel prices have risen by 13.5 per cent and those of state industries generally by 11.9 per cent.

Mr Jock Bruce-Gardner, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, rejected suggestions that Britain should pursue an exchange rate target. He said monetary conditions ultimately determined inflation.

United States consumer prices rose by 0.1 per cent in March to a level of 3.6 per cent higher than a year ago, the Labour Department said yesterday, while in West Germany wholesale prices fell for the third month running.

Kohl in talks at No 10

Mrs Thatcher, after meeting Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, expressed optimism for Britain's EEC prospects, but pessimism over the chances of a zero-option nuclear arms deal in Europe before December.

Play minister

Mr Neil Macfarlane, Minister for Sport, was named Britain's first Minister for Children's Play. He plans a national play service, with a six-figure budget.

Back to Earth

Three Soviet cosmonauts, who failed to dock with an orbiting space station, abandoned their mission and returned safely to Earth. The failure may slow Russia's space programme.

Aid for TV-am

The IBA has deferred the monthly rental payments TV-am is due to make to it and has allowed the troubled company to extend its broadcasting hours by 15 minutes.

Teamster boss

American scandal-ridden Teamsters union elected a new leader, who found it necessary to tell the nation he had never been indicted or taken before a grand jury.

Army fire alert

More than a hundred "green goddess" Army fire appliances are being prepared among emergency measures in readiness for lightning strikes by firemen expected next week.

Ban on coal

The Government has again ordered the Central Electricity Generating Board to limit its import of cheap foreign coal to 750,000 tonnes a year, despite warnings that it could mean a price rise for consumers.

Hanson victory

The battle for control of UDS stores group ended yesterday, with almost half its shareholders accepting Hanson Trust's £250m takeover bid. Hanson now has 62 per cent of the shares.

Holiday gains

Claims against tour organizers for spoiled holidays, a growing area of work for the legal profession, are leading to excessive awards, in some cases enough to pay for further holidays, a solicitor claims.

Family Money

The inland Revenue acted last week to block a Westminster Assurance self-employed pension plan called Cash Restorer and in doing so has cast a shadow over other insurance-linked products.

Maxwell venue

Mr Robert Maxwell announced plans yesterday for the building of a new football stadium at Didcot which he expects to be the home for the proposed merger between Oxford United and Reading.

Saturday

A survival guide for the cyclist trapped in the urban jungle features in Saturday today. Also included in the eight-page arts and leisure section of The Times are a look at the hidden wonders of Iceland, how to plan a swimming pool in your garden and news and views of the arts.

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Letters: On election timing, from Lord Shawcross, QC; jobs at Revenshaw, from Mr J. F. Safford; Argentinian war dead, from Mrs J. Williams, and others.

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Mountaineers question pole-trekker's record

By Ronald Faxn

Claims made in the expedition literature of Mr David Hempleman-Adams, who failed in his attempt to trek solo to the North Pole, are being raised before the committee of management of the British Mountaineering Council.

A brochure issued by the British North Pole Expedition 1983 described Mr Hempleman-Adams, aged 26, as "one of the top young mountaineers in the world" and contained details about his climbing career that were unclear, unremarkable or incorrect.

Mr Robert Pettigrew, chairman of both the Mount Everest Foundation screening committee and the BMC training committee, said that the questions raised by the polar attempts,

which had massive publicity in the press and on television, had serious implications for future sponsorship of expeditions. Some of the claims made suggested that Mr Hempleman-Adams had a stronger background in mountaineering than was the case and sponsors could have been over-impressed.

Mr Hempleman-Adams had admitted that he had no previous experience of polar exploration. His brochure stated that he was a director of a climbing school in the United States, that he had taken the Mountain Leadership Certificate, the Scottish Mountain Leadership Certificate and the Mountaineering Instructor's Certificate and that he worked for six months at the "National moun-

taineeering school" at Plas-y-Brenin in north Wales.

He had gained the MLC, the most elementary hill craft qualification, but did not hold either the SMLC winter certificate or the MIC which are two of the most advanced marks of competence for a mountaineering instructor. "I have done the training section but not the assessment", he said.

He had worked at Plas-y-Brenin in the bursar's office but added that he had helped as an instructor.

The mountaineering community, leading members of which had never heard of Mr Hempleman-Adams until his solo polar attempt, were not impressed by his climbing achievements, which include a claim to the first "winter traverse" of the Haute Route, a

ski trek done each winter by thousands between France and Switzerland.

Mr Hempleman-Adams insisted that his climbing record was good enough to be notable. It included ascents of the Eiger and Matterhorn by their difficult north walls and two new routes on the Taschhorn, all with Mr Stephen Vincent who acted as his back-up during the trek to the pole.

It upsets him that people should think that they had taken money away from mountaineering expeditions. The pole attempt had raised less than £15,000 from the three sponsors, including the company of which his father was managing director, who would not have supported a mountaineering attempt.



Mr Hempleman-Adams: Upset by claims

Advertisement for Hugh Foulerton Cutlery. Features the text 'SEE THE FINEST STERLING SILVER CUTLERY' and 'CLIP THE JEWELLERS MARK-UP'. Includes a coupon for requesting a price list and contact information for Hugh Foulerton Cutlery in Chester.



### Riot police cleared of van assault

A magistrate yesterday dismissed charges against seven members of the Metropolitan Police Special Patrol Group alleging that they assaulted three black youths in a police van during the riots in Brixton, south London, in 1981.

Miss Audrey Jennings told the officers, all constables, at Wells Street Magistrates Court that the evidence was not sufficient to send them for trial. Charges against the officers of conspiring to cover up the alleged assaults were also dismissed.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said later that the officers would remain suspended on full pay while police matters were resolved.

Other defendants were: Neil Humphreys, aged 28, of Albany House, Watlington Road, London NW10; James Lee, aged 27, of 100, Watlington Road, London NW10; David Christie, aged 27, of 100, Watlington Road, London NW10; James Lee, aged 27, of 100, Watlington Road, London NW10; Edward Hawkins, aged 27, of 100, Watlington Road, London NW10; John Pacey, aged 27, of 100, Watlington Road, London NW10; and Paul Hill, aged 27, of 100, Watlington Road, London NW10.

### Bricklayer spent £900 on girl

David Anthony Leckenby, aged 28, a self-employed bricklayer, of Sowerby House, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, was given a nine-month jail sentence, suspended for two years, by York Crown Court yesterday after pleading guilty to deception and theft.

The court was told that he had spent more than £900, getting into unauthorized debt with his bank, to buy a motor cycle and 35 racing pigeons for Miss Andrea Bishop, with whom he was infatuated.

### Gay rights plea is rejected

Dr David Norris, a lecturer at Trinity College, Dublin, and a homosexual rights activist, is to go to the European Court after the failure yesterday of his appeal to the Supreme Court of the Irish Republic to have declared unconstitutional the law that makes homosexual acts in private between consenting male adults a criminal offence.

Such acts, under legislation of 1863, carry a maximum penalty of penal servitude for life.

### Front's double defeat

An application by Mr Martin Webster, national activities organizer of the National Front, for an order compelling Slough Borough Council to honour the Front's booking of Manor Park Hall, Slough for a social evening today, St George's Day, was dismissed in High Court in London yesterday.

The Front's immediate appeal to the Court of Appeal was also dismissed.

### Fans are fined

Nearly half the 60 football supporters arrested at the Milk Cup final at Wembley on March 26 pleaded guilty at Heaton Magistrates Court yesterday to offences including fighting and abusive behaviour. They are fined between £100 and £350 each. The rest were remanded on bail.

### Martin trial

David Martin, aged 36, of Crawford Place, Marylebone, London, who was committed last month on a charge of attempting to murder a policeman, is to stand trial at the Central Criminal Court on September 5.

### Correction

The British Tourist Authority has asked us to make clear, with reference to a report on March 30, that although it believes the French travel restrictions may increase the number of short-stay visitors from France, the restrictions will lead to an overall reduction in the French visitor trade to the UK.

## Minister is appointed to organize children's play

By Nicholas Cole

Mr Neil Macfarlane, was yesterday named Britain's first Minister for Children's Play. He will assume the role, which involves the coordination of official policy towards out-of-school recreational facilities, in addition to his duties as an Under-Secretary at the Department of the Environment.

Announcing the appointment in a Commons written reply Mrs Margaret Thatcher said she appreciated the importance of play in enabling children to discover themselves and to develop their capacity for initiative and self-discipline.

Mr Macfarlane, aged 46, who has been MP for Sutton and Cheam since February, 1972, is expected to make a detailed announcement in Parliament on Tuesday. It is thought he will spell out plans for setting up a national play service to provide the national and regional organization. It would probably have a six-figure budget.

It is understood that the concept is one of the first tangible products of the Government's family policy group, organized to examine ways of strengthening the role and status of the family.

The National Playing Fields Association said last night that it was delighted that the

Government had acknowledged play for children as important and was prepared to take the initiative.

Children's play has had a low priority, a spokesman said. "The Sports Council gets £20m for adult recreation, children's play gets less than £1m, and children under 14 are 20 per cent of the population."

Recreational provision for children was debated in the Commons last October, on a motion by Mr Michael Colvin, Conservative MP for Bristol, North-west, and signed by 255 MPs of all parties.

Mr Colvin, a campaigner for responsibility in government for children's recreation, welcomed Mr Macfarlane's appointment. That does not mean that money will be available, he said. The difficulties included rising juvenile crime and vandalism, and persuading authorities to keep recreational facilities open after school hours.

It is likely that the play service will be a voluntary body linked to the regional structure of the Sports Council and partially funded through its grant. Its responsibilities are expected to cover adventure playgrounds, school holiday schemes, play buses and play in hospitals.

Mrs Thatcher said the Department of Education and Science would continue to be responsible for play activities organized throughout the education service, as would the Department of Health and Social Security for the play activities of local councils' social services departments.

She had decided on the new arrangement because of "the leading role of the local authorities, and the extensive funding of play activities through the urban programme".



Mr Macfarlane: Six-figure budget expected.

## Solicitors and police join forces on Bill

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A joint approach to the Government to press for four key reforms to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, including an independent police complaints tribunal, has been agreed by the Law Society and the Police Federation.

To a statement yesterday the two organizations agreed to support each other on the four issues.

The initiative for the joint approach, which will be pressed through amendments to the Bill in the Lords, came from the Police Federation.

The federation will benefit from support for the independent complaints procedure, which may be opposed by the Association of Chief Police Officers, which now supervises the investigations of complaints.

The Law Society has drawn up a proposal for an independent police complaints tribunal to replace the system of internal police disciplinary procedures, and the federation regards the scheme as preferable to that in the Bill.

For its part the Law Society accepted that there is a strong case for police officers to be legally represented in disciplinary proceedings and agreed to back the federation on that issue.

The federation agreed to withdraw its opposition to the tape-recording of police interviews, to be tested in Home Office trials, and to reconsider the topic in the light of the experiments.

The federation also agreed to join the Law Society in pressing for enabling powers for independent Crown prosecutors to be included in the Bill.

## Guns warning by judge

A judge at the Central Criminal Court gave a warning yesterday that anyone convicted before him of a serious offence involving a loaded firearm could expect a prison sentence running into double figures.

Judge Hazan passed sentences totalling 26 years on two men caught trying to rob a Security Express van of more than £5,000 in London.

Clive Evans, aged 36, of Taylors Lane, Harlesden, west London, pleaded guilty to plotting to rob a security guard of money at the Samaritan Women's Hospital, in Marylebone Road, central London.

Evans, who was on parole from prison, was sentenced to 12 years.

Michael Dollard, aged 36, unemployed, of Ruxley Green Avenue, Harrow, north London, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.



Angela Rippon yesterday: "My story is not for sale". (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

## IBA defers TV-am's monthly rent

The Independent Broadcasting Authority intervened in the TV-am troubles yesterday by deferring the monthly rental payments due to it from the company and by extending its broadcasting hours by 15 minutes to 9.30am.

Angela Rippon, one of the former presenters, also intervened by calling a

## news conference to speak about her dismissal with Anna Ford on Tuesday.

She said that the company had behaved in a "disgraceful and shameful" manner, but she refused to give details and denied that her version of recent events was for sale.

The initiative by the IBA, which is entitled to receive £500,000 a year

from TV-am, reflects growing concern about the future of the company. It is said to be losing up to £150,000 a week.

In its statement, the IBA denied that it was considering closing TV-am. Mr George Howard, chairman of the BBC, said yesterday that he did not believe TV-am would close.

## Precautions for strikes by firemen

By Our Labour Reporter

Emergency measures were being taken yesterday in preparation for a series of lighting one-day strikes by firemen expected to start next week.

More than 1,000 "Green Goddess" fire appliances are being prepared all over the country and troops have begun to train for their use.

The "Goddesses" were on constant call during the firemen's strike in 1977 and would be deployed from numerous Home Office bases throughout the country.

The Government is planning no peace initiatives this weekend in an attempt to head off the likely stoppages, which are over increased pension contributions.

Many delegates to a special Fire Brigades Union (FBU) on Tuesday have been told to support industrial action. By yesterday there was a considerable majority for the strike, although most votes were still to come in.

The country's 30,000 firemen have been asked for an additional 4 per cent contribution to their pensions by the Home Office.

After pressure by the Labour-controlled local authority employers a compromise was offered by the Government last week whereby the extra amount would be phased in, with a 2 per cent increase from May 1 and a further 2 per cent to November.

But that was rejected by the national executive of the FBU.

Further evidence that unions are not tying their national executives to high specified pay claims emerged yesterday when engineering union leaders were instructed to seek a "substantial" demand in this year's pay round.

The National Union of Railwaymen yesterday ordered its members to "black" all trains at Lincoln in a dispute over a line closure.

British Rail decided to discipline guards who refused to operate a train which would have lifted the track from Spalding, Lincolnshire to March, Cambridgeshire. Services on the route were withdrawn several months ago.

## Vaughan hedges on bureau funds

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Consumer Affairs, yesterday declined to clear the air over his controversial decision to withhold half of this year's £6m grant to citizens' advice bureaux by insisting that he had made no cut, but refusing to say unequivocally that the rest of the money would be paid.

He was immediately told that there would be "a hell of a row" in the commons next week, when Conservative MPs, who had gone to their constituencies expecting that the situation would be resolved, discovered that it remained unclear.

Mr Tom McNally, Social Democratic MP for Stockport, South, who initiated the debate on the issue, said afterwards that it was quite unforfeitable that Dr Vaughan had not given the bureaux a clean bill of health. The Tory MPs who had come to the defence of the bureaux would be very angry.

Mrs Elizabeth Filkin, director of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux (NACAB) said later that she was considering seeking damages from Dr Vaughan to compensate for the reduction in public confidence caused by the controversy. A number of bureau staff had expressed concern that their local authorities might cut funding because of the doubts caused by his decision.

Dr Vaughan emphasized in the Commons the Government's continuing support for the "essential and highly cost effective service" provided by bureaux, but he insisted that the allocation of the rest of this year's grant must await the outcome of a review on which he was consulting the national association.

However, he gave no indication of who would serve on the review team, or when it would be announced, beyond stating that he recognized the urgency of the issue.

The review is expected to concentrate on financial and administrative matters rather than on the allegations of increasing political involvement, particularly over the position of Mrs Joan Ruddock, chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, who is a part-time bureau organizer in Dr Vaughan's constituency of Reading South.

Dr Vaughan went out of his way yesterday to exonerate Mrs Ruddock, who was in the public gallery, from any suggestion that her activities with CND had influenced her work with the bureau.

The national Association had clear difficulties in responding to Dr Vaughan's statements yesterday.

Lady Ricketts, chairman of the national association, said later that bureaux still needed to know that they would get money throughout the year in order to plan, and they needed a public declaration to that effect.

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## Doctors asked to report Aids cases

By Our Science Editor

The seriousness with which doctors in Britain view the emergence of the mysterious disease known as Aids, an acronym of autoimmune deficiency syndrome, is reflected in this week's issues of *The Lancet* and the *British Medical Journal*.

A preliminary survey from the Government's Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre reports five deaths in England and Wales and nine other cases reported by specialist hospital departments.

The report urges doctors to inform the centre as soon as possible when a patient with Aids comes under their care so that an up-to-date picture can be maintained of the extent and spread pattern of the disease.

Since it came into public prominence in the United States in 1981, Aids has afflicted more than 1,300 Americans. More than half of those were struck in the past year. There is no cure for the condition, which has a high mortality rate and includes a whole range of virulent infections.

The condition was thought at first to be restricted to homosexuals because it broke out almost simultaneously among homosexuals in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Initially it was believed to have been caused because the body's natural defence system was almost battered down by repeated infection, by a group of viruses belonging to the herpes family, through drug abuse and sexually transmitted disease.

But that has been ruled out because cases among other adults and children are coming to light which are not connected with that pattern. In addition, the disease is no longer confined to the United States or to men.

The most sinister features of the condition are the number of infectious agents which have been identified in patients. It appears to be communicable primarily by physical contact.

### Science report

## First look at the birth of a star

By Pearce Wright

Science Editor

Astronomers have seen the birth of a star at the earliest stage of detection, as it emerges from the cloud of interstellar dust and gas from which it was formed. An observation of this unusual event was recorded by Dr John Graham, working at the Cerro Tololo Inter-American observatory near La Serena, Chile. It is difficult to watch the events leading to the formation of stars because a dense veil of dust obscures development of the earliest stages. Yet the process is thought to occur over periods of up to 10,000 years, and though long compared with terrestrial time scales, it is a short punctuation in the cosmic evolution.

Stars such as the Sun are developing continuously in the dust clouds of the Milky Way and other galaxies, but astronomers have not recognized these events often in their observations.

Stars form when the dust and gas at the centre of a vast cloud condense into a compact mass, whose temperature reaches a level for thermonuclear reactions to occur. The equivalent of violent winds are created by flares on the surface of the newly formed star to disperse the dusty surrounding envelope, thus making it visible to astronomers.

It was this sort of event that Dr Graham recorded in observing a number of small, luminous clouds of gas of a type known as Herbig-Haro objects. These objects have been thought for 50 years to be associated with regions of the sky where stars are being formed.

Dr Graham recorded a bright star-like object at the north-eastern tip of a Herbig-Haro gas cloud designated Number 57 in March. The star was not visible in earlier photographs taken by the Mount Palomar observatory in 1962 and from Cerro Tololo in 1976.

Dr Graham says photographs taken in 1980 at the Siding Spring observatory in Australia show a faint star that went unnoticed.

The brilliance of the star is believed to come largely from cocoon dust heated by the impact of the violent stellar wind.

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## Sale room

## Early Gainsborough fetches £140,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Gainsborough's early portrait of "Mr and Mrs William Carter of Ballingdon House", seated beside a woodland, was sold at Christie's yesterday for £140,000 to the Leger Gallery of Bond Street in London. The picture came to light earlier this year in New Zealand and had been previously unknown to scholars.

Christie's had estimated a price between £100,000 and £150,000, but there was always a possibility that it might be fought over and run to a higher figure.

The error of proportion which makes the beautifully painted husband so much larger than the beautifully painted wife probably deterred private collectors. As a very early portrait it is a rarity and will probably end up in a museum.

While nearly all the paintings were sold in the auction of important English pictures, Christie's had difficulties with the more expensive lots and 43 per cent was left unsold in cash terms, with a total of £750,438.

Turner and Constable presented the most important lots. A rare and historically interesting mythological painting by Turner, entitled "Venus and Adonis", failed to find an auction buyer for the second time in less than 15 years. In 1971 it was bought in at Sotheby's at £7,000; yesterday it was bought in at Christie's at £130,000. It is reputed to have changed hands several times in the intervening period.

After the £324,000 and £216,000 paid for two Constable sketches of Salisbury cathedral last autumn, the two sketches tempted out of the Constable family collection by those prices failed to sell yesterday.

"The church at East Bergholt" was bought in at £40,000 (estimate £30,000-£80,000) and the "Portrait of the artist" at £6,500 (estimate £10,000-£15,000). A Constable study for "The White Horse" was unsold at £50,000.

The main spoils of Sotheby's important silver sale in New York on Thursday were secured by Shrubsole and Koopman, the London dealers. A Queen Anne royal silver-gilt ewer and basin of 1702 (88 oz) by David Williams sold for \$137,500 (unpublished estimate \$100,000) or £88,141, to Shrubsole. Koopman paid \$93,500 or £59,936 for a pair of silver four-light candlesticks by Paul Storr of 1823 (426 oz).

The sale totalled £788,990, with 16 per cent unsold.

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**People's march for jobs**

**Rally aims to draw 250,000**

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

At two o'clock the People's March for Jobs is scheduled to leave central Glasgow for London to culminate, it is predicted, in the biggest demonstration against unemployment Britain has seen.

In 1981 a similar march took place in an attempt to prevent the unemployment figures rising from two and a half million to three million, but today's version is happening against a background in which the jobless total is growing towards 3.5 million.

Mr Ronald Todd, head of the organizing committee, hopes that 250,000 people will mass in London. He said yesterday, "It is an attempt to bring the tragedy of mass unemployment to the notice of the people of this country and to the notice of the Government which is presiding over it."

But the rally has already received a rebuff from the Prime Minister, who was asked to meet a delegation from the demonstrators when they arrive in the capital in about six weeks' time.

She argues that the only answer to unemployment is the creation of wealth by the private sector, not mass rallies.

In 1981 marchers met Mr James Prior, then Secretary of State for Employment, a conversation which was labelled subsequently by trade unionists as "a dialogue with the dead".

Mr Michael Fant, the leader of the opposition, told Mr James Milne, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, plan to present both at the ceremony to launch the demonstration today and when it finishes in London.

But planning for the march got off to an inauspicious start, with Mr Foot and Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, announcing that it would divert the labour movement's time and resources in a period when Mrs Margaret Thatcher was likely to be toying with the idea of an election.

The organizers of the march, however, hope that more than 300,000 people from all over Scotland will gather for the farewell speeches.

A reception by the City Provost of Glasgow at the City Chambers will be followed at noon by a rally at Queen's Park, which is to be addressed by Mr Foot.

Then at 2 p.m. the march, led by 50 unemployed people wearing orange and green jackets, will move off accompanied by a pipe band. The main phalanx will move down the west coast, reaching Manchester on May 12, Birmingham on May 21 and central London on June 4.

The central stream will be joined by six tributary marches, themselves composed of smaller groups, as it progresses southwards. A group from Newcastle will link up at Kendal, an extra element in the demonstration after pressure from the North-east.

At Manchester demonstrators from Liverpool and Deeside will join in; at Northampton marchers from towns in Yorkshire and Derbyshire will swell the ranks and at Luton a group will arrive from Great Yarmouth.

The longest tributary of demonstrators will be from Land's End. They will join near the end as the march files through Brent, in north London.

One of the main organizational problems, apart from the estimated £250,000 cost and the logistics of the operation, is to sustain interest.

One of the organizers said: "Unemployment is a wasting disease and it affects people's will to fight back. But I am confident that it is going to be the biggest march of its kind we have ever seen in this country."

**Sir Anthony continues the battle**

Sir Anthony Meyer, Conservative MP for Flint, West, yesterday took his campaign to topple Miss Bessie Brookes, European MP for North Wales, as prospective candidate for the "safe" seat of North West Cymru a stage further by handing in his nomination papers. Sir Anthony, aged 62, was defeated by Miss Brookes at a selection meeting last month and her name alone is due to go before a general meeting for formal adoption at Abergele on May 9.

But Sir Anthony is defying the ruling that no other names can be considered, and after legal advice handed in his nomination at the association's offices at Colwyn Bay.

Conservative agent for the new constituency Mr Nicholas Sheppard, said that he would press the nomination, and a decision on whether to allow Sir Anthony's name to be put to the general meeting would be announced later.

Meanwhile, Mr Sheppard said, he deeply resented the allegations Sir Anthony had made over Miss Brookes' selection. He had always acted with professional integrity, observing the rules of the association and the procedures laid down by Conservative Central Office.

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# Tourists paying for next holiday by suing tour firms, solicitor says

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Claims against holiday tour operators are becoming a growth area of work for solicitors as well as a means of financing next year's holiday, according to an article in the *Law Society's Gazette*.

Mr Stephen Mason, a solicitor in Bradford, West Yorkshire, writes: "I do not seek to excuse shoddy holidays. However, there is a danger, he adds, that the natural sympathy of the judge for the consumer as against the trader is leading to over-compensation."

Historically, he says, no damages were awarded for inconvenience, annoyance, or disappointment without real physical inconvenience resulting. A holiday-maker could recover only the difference in value between what he or she should have received and did receive.

But in recent cases, he says, holiday-makers have succeeded in recovering damages which left them with a profit because of some breach of contract which did not substantially alter their enjoyment of their holiday.

In one case 10 years ago a man paid £63 for a skiing holiday. He had a disastrous time; advertised entertainments and a house party did not take place, and the judge assessed damages for breach of contract at £31.72. The Court of Appeal did not disagree with those damages, but it awarded him additional damages for disappointment, making a total of £125.

Mr Mason says the damages seemed justifiable in that the man's disappointment affected the whole holiday and was quite different from most holiday cases, where the matters complained of are an unsatisfactory room or poor food, but where the actual time spent enjoying the holiday, for example sunbathing or at the disco, is not affected.

In another case a man paid £1,200 for a four-week holiday for his family after specifying his requirements as four-course meals with a choice of several dishes for each course and an English-speaking doctor on call.

Because of some gross and flagrant breaches of contract, many promised facilities, an excellent restaurant, well furnished rooms, and beauty salons, were not provided. A court subsequently held that the family had lost about half the value of the holiday and they were awarded £600 back, plus £500 for mental distress.

But damages are not being assessed in that way by county court judges, Mr Mason says. In another case the holiday-makers found on arrival that they were not going to the small, three-star hotel, "with Spanish atmosphere" they had booked, but to an excellent, large, modern four-star hotel two miles away.

The judge ordered a full refund, plus the cost of the car they hired and £300 general damages.

"Does it make sense that families, having enjoyed their holiday on the beach, sight-seeing, shopping and so on, should recover breach of contract and general damages which again left them with a profit?" Mr Mason asks.



Lady Gabriella Windsor, daughter of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, who is two years old today. (Photograph: Stanley Lenman.)

## Computer technology

# Plants selected to suit each garden

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Green-fingered computer operators are helping customers at a Hertfordshire nursery to find exactly the right plants to suit the conditions in their gardens.

The Burston Tyler Rose and Garden Centre, at St Albans, claims to be the first in the world to offer a computerized plant advice and selection service.

The "Data-Plants" system, which runs on a British-made Comart CP500 microcomputer, was developed by Lux Computer Services of Watford. A Lux executive is to the United States assessing the potential export market among American garden centres.

Someone seeking, for example, a hedge, supplies the nursery with details of the proposed site: exposed or

sheltered; full sun, semi-shade or complete shade; acid, normal or chalky soil; dry, normal or wet.

The computer operator keys in the information and the machine prints out a list of hedging plants in stock which would thrive on that site.

If the customer buys one of the selection of plants, the computer provides a detailed printout of botanical and horticultural information about the species and how to care for it. Details of about 1,700 plants are stored on a disk with a memory capacity of five million characters.

At present, people who want to date a plant have to gain access to the microcomputer through the garden centre staff, and that suits the computer-illiterate majority perfectly well.

# Graphic arts made easy with the help of 'turtle'

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A small robot capable of drawing designs and controlled by an ordinary home microcomputer has been launched by Colne Robotics, a British company based in Twickenham, Middlesex.

The project, which is backed by Prudential Assurance, which supports new high technology ventures is expected to make a substantial impact on the education market.

The small robot called the Zecker Micro-Turtle, is about 5in square and 2in deep and is attached by a cord through a control box to the home

microcomputer. The manufacturers say it can be controlled by very small computers.

When programmed, the "turtle" can move forward or backwards, or rotate in one position. It has a speaker which emits a tone and is surrounded by six sensors which detect when the "turtle" meets another object. Two small wheels allow the unit to move about easily and a pen which can be raised or lowered is used by the "turtle" to draw graphics.

The manufacturers intend to sell the devices for about £70, but a cheaper version is available in kit form.

# Bureau head loses libel action

Mr Neville Glick, head of a marriage bureau in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, yesterday lost his libel action in the High Court in London against Mr John Patterson, managing director of Dataline International, Britain's biggest computer dating agency.

After retiring for four and a half hours, the jury rejected by a majority of 10 to 2 his claim for damages.

Mr Glick, who was ordered to pay the costs of the three-day hearing, unofficially estimated at £3,000, left the court looking flushed and upset. Mr Patterson said: "We are delighted by the outcome."

Mr Glick, aged 50, of Nunroyd Road, Leeds, who conducted his case, had alleged that Dataline was "an empire built on porn" and had called Mr Patterson "a pornmaster".

Mr Justice Bristow told the jury in his summing-up that there was "not a shred of evidence" to support that allegation. He entered judgment with costs for Mr Patterson and the two companies.

Mr Glick brought the action against Mr Patterson, his company, Singles Scene, and printers, Pindar Print, of Scarborough, claiming damages and alleging that a letter published in Mr Patterson's magazine, *Select*, claiming he had introduced a member of his bureau to a 000-number, carried the suggestion that his organization was "a front for an escort or call-girl agency".

Mr Patterson and the companies denied libel and contended that the words complained of were true in substance and fact and were fair comment on a matter of public interest.

The judge said Mr Glick had run his bureau in "a caring and unpusy way", but he was prone to exaggeration in court. "Perhaps you will not hold it against Mr Glick if you think he has said things that were a bit wild and without any foundation," he told the jury.

Mr Glick said after the verdict that he would appeal.

# RUC men appear in court

Four Northern Ireland policemen on firearms charges appeared before an anti-terrorist special criminal court in Dublin yesterday.

It was the first time that Royal Ulster Constabulary men had appeared before the court and it came after an official complaint to the British Ambassador in Dublin by the Irish Government over an incident in the border town of Castleblayney, Co Monaghan, on August 9 last.

The four men, all constables based at Keady RUC station, in Co Armagh, were remanded on £5,000 bail until May 19.

Their court appearance was in connection with an incident in Castleblayney when they were chased from a public house where they had been drinking off duty, by a hostile crowd who attacked their car.

They were charged yesterday with possessing a firearm and six rounds of ammunition with intent to endanger life and unlawful possession of the firearm without a licence. All four replied: "Nothing to say", when charged.

Mr Kenneth Westcl, Labour MP for Ipswich, is to ask the Home Office why an IRA "snapper" and his family were allowed to live on a housing estate in the town.

Mr Raymond Gilmore spent four months in a semi-detached police house in Wimborne Avenue, under a 24-hour armed guard, because of fears that the IRA would try to kill him to stop him giving evidence against 70 terrorist suspects.

# Gangland torturers are jailed

Two men were jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the "barbaric" gangland torture of a man they believed was an armed robber.

Their victim, Mr Rupert Alleyne, aged 29, was snatched from his flat and taken to a drinking club in the early hours of the morning. There he was struck with an axe and a pool cue, threatened with acid, and beaten unconscious.

He was taken to the gang leader's flat, where he was stripped of the waist and tortured again with the heated blades of knives pressed against his body.

Maurice Walcott, aged 38, a drink club proprietor, of Chelsea Reach Tower, World's End, Chelsea, was jailed for three years for organizing "Mr Alleyne's abduction".

Eyal Harris, aged 28, of Maids Vale, west London, was sent to prison for 21 months, to be added to a two-year drugs sentence.

Judge Uoderhill said: "Horrific injuries were inflicted in a

barbaric manner upon that man with shocking violence. It must be made known that the taking of the law into one's own hands will not be tolerated".

Walcott was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm and actual bodily harm and falsely imprisoning Mr Alleyne. Harris was found guilty of causing actual bodily harm and imprisoning him. Both had pleaded not guilty.

Mr John Reekers, for the prosecution, said that a gang armed with shotguns, said to be after drugs, had raided Walcott's flat and robbed him of various property. Walcott reported the robbery to the police, who told him to give them any information he might receive.

But when Walcott learnt that Mr Alleyne might have been concerned in the robbery he "took the law into his own hands". He arranged for him to be captured by a "punishment squad", who attacked Mr Alleyne and took him to the Mangrove Club, in All Saints Road, Notting Hill.

Walcott described him as a "robber" and he was paraded bleeding and terrified. The gang and some of the drinkers attacked him and beat him unconscious. Mr Alleyne was revived with cold and hot water and then taken handcuffed to Walcott's flat to be "tortured again in private". Mr Alleyne finally wrote out a false confession about the robbery in order to escape further pain. The other members of the gang escaped.

Walcott later handed Mr Alleyne over to Detective Inspector John Walsh with his "confession".

Walcott said in evidence that he had been trying to help police to catch the man who robbed him. His girl friend, Miss Dilber Bahram, aged 27, Mr Ivan Lewis, aged 36, of Warwick Road, Earls Court, west London, Mr Lloyd Lewis, aged 25, of Lansdowne Way, Stockwell, south London, were all acquitted of being involved in the assaults.

# Cable TV proposals next week

By Our Electronics Correspondent

The much awaited White Paper outlining the Government's policy on cable television is to be published on Thursday. The Government has agonized over formulating a policy since last October, when a study by Lord Hunt, of Tanworth on the effects of expansion of cable television was published.

The "cable debate" has been conducted for almost a year between the proponents of the technology, who support its expansion with minimum regulation, and those who wish it to be controlled by a cable authority with regulatory powers similar to the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The Government has recently been embarrassed by the conflict between the Home Office and the Department of Industry. The former is reluctant to agree to any large-scale expansion of cable television in Britain without the regulatory authority in place which would require legislation while the Department of Industry is keen to encourage cable as a means of stimulating the British electronics industry.

The Government would be guilty of using the expansion of cable television as a crude electoral gimmick unless a regulatory authority is created to protect the interests of public broadcasting. Mr Eric George, deputy general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union told delegates at the Scottish TUC conference in Rothsay, yesterday.

**Licence plea**

Strong representations are being made to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, by the BBC for the state to pay for the television licences of pensioners and others in the population regarded as deprived (Kenneth Goshing writes).

# Dioxin may be heading for Britain

By David Nicholson-Lord

Customs officers at ports throughout Britain were warned yesterday by their headquarters to be on the lookout for 41 drums of highly toxic dioxin waste from the 1976 Seveso chemical disaster in Italy.

The warning came as environmentalists and consumer groups called for a boycott of drugs, including Librium and Valium, produced by Hoffmann-La Roche, owners of the Seveso plant, until the company discloses the whereabouts of the waste.

Claims that it had been dumped at sea in Britain's radioactive disposal site off Land's End, were denied by a West German shipping firm.

Customs and Excise officials said that the waste might be on the way to Britain and be incorrectly described in a ship's manifest.

The boycott campaign has been mounted by consumer groups in France and West Germany and by Greenpeace, the environmental group which tracked the waste until its disappearance in northern France last autumn. Greenpeace said yesterday that doctors' associations on the Continent had indicated support.

Mr Robert Narayan-Taylor, of Greenpeace, said: "Hoffmann-La Roche are arguing that they are prevented by the terms of the contract for the disposal of the waste from disclosing its final destination. We believe they are using this clause in the contract as a loophole."

The waste was transported from Seveso last October and handed over to a French disposal contractor under police escort.

The owner of the French firm has since been arrested by police investigating allegations of irregularities, but the dioxin, after spending some time in storage in St Quentin, Picardy, has disappeared.

# Trust rebels criticize land report

By Hugh Clayton, Environmental Correspondent

Mrs Audrey Urry, a leader of the National Trust members who opposed the Bradenham lease last year, said yesterday that the investigation into the affair had produced "a mouse of a report".

She said that the report, which was welcomed by the governing council of the trust on Thursday, had failed to resolve a central complaint from her group: It was that tighter controls were needed for the handling by trust officials of property given on condition that it became inalienable.

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RAF Command bunker could be built on it. Such land cannot be sold, and proposals for leasing can be vetoed by Parliament.

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# Ship's master 'guilty on four counts'

From Our Correspondent, Penzance

The blame for the Penlee lifeboat disaster was yesterday laid at the door of the late Captain Mick Morron, master of the Union Star, whose crew the lifeboat had tried in vain to save. Mr Noel Horner, representing the families of the youngest two members of the Solomon Browne, lost with the rest of the life boat crew, blamed the master of the coaster on four counts:

1. He had stopped without authorization to pick up his wife and her children. If he had not thus incurred a six-hour delay his ship would have been in the open sea, not off a lee shore when she broke down.
2. He should have sought shelter; had he done so, his vessel would not have been off a lee shore that night.
3. When the Union Star found herself in that position at 6.04pm Captain Moreton should have made a Mayday distress call or a pan urgency call.
4. The master had failed to appreciate the seriousness of his position; he thought at 7.02pm that he was a mile east of where he had been an hour earlier. There was no indication until 7.57pm that the people in the Union Star realized that she was drifting north towards the coast.

The evidence showed, Mr Horner said, that there had been an early indication that the vessel was drifting.

Mr Geoffrey Brice, QC, said that the coastguard and the RNLI should prepare a form of wording common to both to clarify procedures for putting lifeboats and their crews on standby. The procedures for the launching of lifeboats should indicate clearly the requirement of the coastguards and the action expected of lifeboats.

He added that the coastguard and RNLI should ensure that all those concerned should understand and use the agreed terminology.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Mr Horner: "Captain should have called for help".

# Sleepwalker dismissed

From Our Correspondent, Sheffield

Mr Mark Langford, aged 19, was in hiding yesterday after sleepwalking out of his job at Bolsover colliery.

He was dismissed by the National Coal Board after claiming that he sleepwalked underground when he disappeared from his post. He was found on a conveyor belt.

A search party was sent to look for him when he failed to report to the surface within an hour of finishing his night shift. He was found 300 yards away.

Mr Langford, of Cliff Hill Farm, High Street, Clowance, near Bolsover, was examined by

# Verona, West Midlands

Violent family feuds of the Romeo and Juliet type were "an insult to the peace of the realm", a judge said in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lord Justice Lawton, after hearing how a wedding led to violence between two Birmingham families, added: "I see the Montagues and Capulets have moved from Verona to the West Midlands. Action has to be taken to stop them."

The court, however, allowed an appeal by the man who instigated an armed foray to the household of the rival family.

Raymond Darby, aged 21, a maintenance man, of Upper Close, Woodgate Valley South, Birmingham, who had been jailed for 15 months by Birmingham Crown Court on November 22 last for affray, had his sentence cut to nine months.

Lord Justice Lawton said there were hard words when a member of the Darby family married a member of the Teague family in 1981. It was not a happy family gathering and there were even more hard words in a public house the next day, followed by the affray.

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# Private member's Bill on coroners' juries gets government backing

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A private member's Bill to reform the way coroners' juries are selected and bring the procedure into line with that for other juries was presented to the Commons for second reading yesterday.

The Bill, which has been put forward by Mr Christopher Price, Labour MP for Lewisham, West, has the backing of the Government and is not expected to be opposed.

At a recent meeting between Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, and Home Office officials, and Mr Price and members of Inquest, the pressure group for reform of coroners' inquests, Mr Whitelaw indicated that he would look favourably on such a measure.

Mr Price said yesterday that coroners' juries were not subject to the same guidance on selection as were other juries in courts of justice. "They are selected by the coroner's officer, as he wants; it is probably different for each coroner's court."

"There is no guarantee that they are not selected in a way which may allow the coroner's officer to use improper methods, because of the complete lack of control."

Other juries are selected randomly from the electoral register by computer on a method devised by the Royal Statistical Society. Although a Home Office circular advises coroners' officers to use the electoral roll and summon a jury on a random basis, that advice may not always be followed.

The group, Inquest, said: "Some coroners' officers are known to summon people they are easily available and their expenses are low."

If successful, the group said, the Bill would remedy one complaint being made by the Roach family over the inquest on Colin Roach, the black man who died earlier this year at Stoke Newington police station in north London.

That was that the coroner's officer was often a seconded or former police officer. "This inevitably gives rise to distrust when a jury is summoned to inquire into a death in police custody, or otherwise involving the police."

In 1971 the Broderick report on coroners recommended that coroners' juries be selected in the same way as juries in other courts, a recommendation endorsed by the home affairs select committee in its report in 1980 on deaths in police custody.

# Foot health of children is suffering

The rules governing the exemption of children's shoes from value-added tax are responsible for teenagers being progressively crippled because they fail to make allowance for the growing size of young people's feet, according to a survey published yesterday.

Children's feet are getting bigger earlier and have grown by almost one full size and one full width, age for age, in the past 20 years, the survey shows.

Many children, in the 10-14 years age range, especially girls, are damaging their feet by wearing shoes a size too small.

The survey, undertaken for William Tompson, the shoe company, by the National Federation of Consumer Groups, also found that half the girls aged 13 and 14 are having to wear VAT-taxed shoes.



# Kohl confers on tactics

Welcome to London: Mrs Margaret Thatcher greeting Chancellor Kohl of West Germany at 10 Downing Street yesterday, and (right) Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, with his Bonn counterpart, Herr Manfred Wörner at the Defence Ministry.

Both Britain and West Germany are pinning hopes of ending the recession on the outcome of the world economic summit at Williamsburg, Virginia, at the end of next month.

The Prime Minister and Dr Kohl discussed tactics at Williamsburg.



# Decision on 'Gandhi' defended by Botha

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr F. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, has said that there would have been "chaos" if screenings of the Oscar-winning film *Gandhi* had been opened to all races. Speaking in the House of Assembly in Cape Town, he said that South Africa was not prepared to have its policies dictated from outside.

This was apparently a reference to the demand by Sir Richard Attenborough, the producer and director of *Gandhi*, that all showings of the film throughout its run should be before racially-mixed audiences, and that cinemas should not have to apply for a permit for such performances.

Cinemas are covered by the Group Areas Act, which prescribes separate residential and commercial districts for the different race groups. The only exception to this rule are outdoor drive-in cinemas. Special exemption can also be sought for charity premises.

The authorities take a more relaxed view of theatres, many of which are open to all races. There are hardly any theatres available outside "white" areas.

Pressed by Opposition MPs to say why the Government could not at least have opened all premises of the film to multiracial audiences without requiring the organizers to apply for a permit, Mr Botha agreed that that "might not have been so bad". But if all screenings had been open there could have been a "great deal of trouble in some places", he said.

*Gandhi* began its general run yesterday after the holding of the main premiere at the Kine 1 cinema on Commissioner Street in central Johannesburg on Thursday night. This was in aid of the National Cancer Association of South Africa, which belatedly applied for, and was granted, a multiracial permit, but only after all seats had been sold to whites.

A nice historical irony was that the cinema where the premiere was shown stands on the site of the old Empire Theatre where at a rally in 1906 Gandhi launched his first passive resistance or *satyagraha* campaign against the legal registration of the racial registration of Asians.

As if to emphasize that not much has changed, Mr Botha also told Parliament this week he did not think the founding fathers of the Orange Free State had acted in an immoral or un-Christian manner when they barred Indians from living there. To remove this restriction now, he argued, would create "unnecessary friction".

The intense excitement which *Gandhi* has stirred among South Africa's 850,000 Indians has been noted by the majority African population. There is little evidence he was much concerned with black rights in general.

# MPs reject wildlife cash check

By Hugh Clayton

The Commons Select Committee on the Environment has refused to investigate state payments made to farmers in return for not damaging wildlife on their land. Labour and Conservative members of the committee have decided that their task of scrutinizing spending by the Department of the Environment is so vast that they can see no chance of examining wildlife payments.

The call for an investigation came from the Council for the Protection of Rural England. It told the committee that there had been no parliamentary examination of the Government's guidelines for paying farmers.

Annual payments are available for life if farmers agree to reduce profits by not doing things such as ploughing or spraying land which would damage wildlife in areas declared officially to be of scientific interest.

Mr Robin Grove-White, director of the council, said: "The select committee is the sole parliamentary scrutiny committee for the Department of the Environment's responsibilities. If it does not look at it, there is a risk that Parliament will not look at it at all."

# Let arrears mount, MP tells tenants

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

A Labour MP yesterday urged tenants to allow rent arrears to mount rather than go without food or proper heating because of delays in implementing fully the new housing benefits scheme.

Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead, said that tenants were in danger of running up arrears because many local authorities were behind in introducing the scheme.

The Department of Health and Social Security said last night that nearly a quarter of all local authorities were behind in implementing the scheme, which transfers to them responsibility for meeting the housing costs of people claiming supplementary benefits.

Mr Field said that council tenants whose rent and rates should have been met in full under the scheme had been sent rent cards showing them to be in arrears.

The MP also alleged that Wirral Borough Council was behind in sending rent rebates to private tenants, whose landlords should be warned that their tenants would not be able to pay in time.

Mr Ian Wood, director of finance at Wirral council denied, however, that private tenants had been affected by the delays.

# Veterans mark Zeebrugge raid

Six veterans of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, all in their 80s, are to cross the Channel today to celebrate the Zeebrugge raid at the Belgium port on St George's Day 1918. The Navy says it will be the last time the veterans will parade together.

Tomorrow the six will attend a rededication of a war memorial at Zeebrugge, moved because of port development.

# Youths accused

Two youths charged with taking a car and property belonging to Mr Michael Parkinson, the television personality, and a youth accused of dishonestly handling the property were committed for trial at Croydon Crown Court from the London South-western magistrates' court yesterday.

# Falklands duty

The Type 42 destroyers, HMS Birmingham and HMS Southampton, yesterday left Portsmouth for a four-month tour of the South Atlantic. The Southampton is commanded by Captain Samuel Salt, whose ship, HMS Sheffield, was sunk during the Falklands campaign.

# Without a doubt

Four hundred people with the surname Thomas are due to attend a concert tonight at Tealy, Dyfed, marking the start of a holiday festival in honour of the name.

As many as two million Thomases are expected to attend the festival.

# Arson death warning

Mr David Owen, the Chief Constable of North Wales, issued a warning yesterday that it was only a matter of time before someone died in an arson attack on holiday homes in the area.

He expressed his concern at the "absence of condemnatory remarks" about the blazes, which in the past four years have destroyed or damaged 58 houses.

In his annual report to the police authority at Colwyn Bay, Mr Owen said that last year had seen the continuance of the "disturbing trend".

More lay people were to be employed this year by the North Wales police in administrative duties. That would release officers at stations, whose strength was "barely sufficient to police the areas concerned".

# De Lorean loan 'in personal account'

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Millions of dollars loaned to the De Lorean Motor Company were funnelled through the personal bank account of Mr John De Lorean, it was alleged in court documents filed here.

A lawyer representing creditors investigating the bankrupt company noted: "John Z. De Lorean used his personal bank accounts to handle De Lorean Motor Car Company affairs and millions of dollars of DMC funds were funnelled through his personal account."

In addition, the lawyer said, "former high-level officers and directors of DMC have submitted affidavits alleging numerous acts of mismanagement, questionable transactions and self-dealing by former officers of DMC, including De Lorean."

Listing some of the 622 creditors, documents show that, among others, the car company owes Mr Malcolm Schade, of the Industrial Development Board of Northern Ireland, \$25.3m (£16m), and Mr Paul Sheiwell, representing the British receivers, \$25.3m. The British receivers have filed a separate claim for \$32.7m.

Mr De Lorean, aged 58, who is seeking a reduction of his \$5m bail to \$2m, is charged with conspiring to distribute \$24m worth of cocaine and is to stand trial on August 9.

A personal financial statement filed last October at about the time of his arrest indicated that Mr De Lorean was worth nearly \$15m. Recently, the United States Government claimed he had sailed away some \$16m in secret Swiss bank accounts, but Mr De Lorean, earlier this week, filed documents that said he was on the brink of financial ruin.

At the time, he said, his monthly expenses were about \$150,000, while his income was \$20,000. His lawyers claimed that his wife Cristina Ferrare, a fashion model, had been unable to work since her husband's arrest.

# Advice bureaux movement promised its funds

## COMMONS

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Consumer Affairs, repeated in the Commons his undertaking that there would be no cut in the funding of the Citizens Advice Bureaux movement. He was speaking after a warning that if his words about the financing of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux was his last word on the matter, he was in for a hell of a row.

The debate was initiated by Mr Tom McNally (Stockport, South, SDP) who said that the minister should remove doubt about the financial probity of the administration of the national body and do it by restoring the annual grant immediately.

If he could not do that today, whatever he said in other places, he would continue to have trouble in the Commons. That was a fair and friendly warning.

The Government, through the CAB, got a service for £6m which would cost the Government £70m. Some 80 per cent of local bureaux worked without full-time officers. The kind of person likely to volunteer for CABs was almost equally likely to turn up as a Justice of the Peace, running a junior football team or active in a political party.

Dr Vaughan (Reading, South, C) said that the increased financial

support was a measure of the confidence the Government gave to the movement. It provided an essential and highly cost-effective service of consumer advice when it was desperately needed.

It had been incorrect for *The Sunday Times* to suggest that his actions were because of political activities by the chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. His action had been in no way influenced by Mrs Joan Ruddock's actions and he welcomed this opportunity to repudiate any suggestion of imputation of her performance at Reading CAB.

He had the clear duty to satisfy himself that the most effective use was being made of the substantial public funds. Nacab accepted that. The current annual grant allocation to Nacab of up to £6.0m was higher than that for the previous year. He had judged it right to authorize spending of up to half this amount for the first six months and, during this time to examine the allocation of funds. This was not a cut.

He wanted the review to be completed as soon as possible and was consulting the association's officers on the terms of reference and composition of the team.

Meanwhile, he said, I must, of course, ensure that sufficient funding is available and I have discussed it again with Nacab. I have no wish to create unnecessary problems or to interrupt good work, for example, training and such

things financed by the Government's grant aid. I am aware of the difficulties which could arise from this.

He had given an assurance of his concern over this and of the urgency of people knowing where they stood. Mr McNally interrupted and said he warned Dr Vaughan that if this was his last word on funding, if he had nothing to say, he was in for a hell of a row. MPs wanted to know how Dr Vaughan was going to fund CABs past the six month deadline.

Dr Vaughan: I accept his warning. I have made it clear there is no question of a cut.

He appealed to loyal supporters of the movement to guard against the danger of being alienated by allegations. What the CABs had to offer was too precious to allow it to be devalued.

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# Diseases of Fish Bill gets through

The River Tweed has a special place in fishery legislation because of its geographical position as the boundary between England and Scotland, but that should not cause any legal difficulties, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during the report stage of the Diseases of Fish Bill.

Mr Buchanan-Smith comments came when he moved an amendment to the Bill which would allow free distribution in Scotland of reports of findings by the Secretary of State relating to designated areas which were infected or likely to become infected by fish disease.

The amendment to the Bill, which is designed to prevent the spread of disease among fish and was sponsored by Mr John Currie (North Ayrshire and Bute, C) was agreed to.

He also moved a series of amendments which he said were necessary to cover the position of the shellfish industry. The proposals would give powers in England and Wales similar to those existing in Scotland. It would make possible the registration of shellfish farm businesses, the furnishing of specific information on the keeping of records and the retention of these records for up to three years.

The amendments were agreed to.

The report stage was concluded and the Bill was read a third time.

The Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill, which has passed the House of Lords, and the Coroners' Juries Bill, which would limit those qualified for coroners' juries to those also qualified to sit on juries in other courts, were read a second time.

# 1,000 seized in economic sabotage dragnet

Dar-es-Salaam (AFP) - A total of 1,057 people have been arrested in Tanzania since the Government launched a nationwide crackdown on economic saboteurs, Abdallah Natepe, the Home Affairs Minister, said on Thursday.

Mr Natepe said 33.9m Tanzanian shillings (about £2.2m) has been seized.

Those arrested included 951 Tanzanians, 51 Somalis, 23 Asians, 10 Britons and Kenyans, Mr Natepe said.

Mr Natepe was speaking in Parliament in support of a Bill which would give President Julius Nyerere powers to order searches of the homes of suspected saboteurs, back dated to March 25 when the arrests began.

# Drought blamed for voting delay

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

A referendum among South Africa's whites on the Government's proposed constitutional reforms will not be held until the drought gripping the country has been broken, Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister, has announced.

Speaking in the House of Assembly in Cape Town, the Prime Minister said he did not want to subject the country to the rigours of a referendum and the energy it would consume while the drought lasted.

This last turn in the political debate over the constitutional proposals is seen here as further evidence of government panic about the growth of right-wing white opposition to the reforms. The strength of this opposition will be tested at three crucial by-elections in Transvaal on May 10.

Mr Botha promised some weeks ago to hold a referendum among whites "at a suitable stage" after the draft Bill containing the reforms had been passed by Parliament but before it has been implemented.

Under pressure, he subsequently agreed to hold similar tests of Indian and mixed-blood Coloured opinion.

Under the proposed reforms, the 850,000 Indians and 2.7 million Coloureds would be able to elect representatives to sit in a new Parliament divided into three racially segregated chambers.

Although it is generally reckoned that Mr Botha has the support of a majority of whites for his reforms, there is great doubt about whether the same can be said for Coloureds and Indians.

Meanwhile, the Government has been deeply embarrassed by an accusation that Mr Fanie Botha, the Minister of Manpower, who is defending his Southsiders seat in northern Transvaal on May 10, improperly used his powers as a minister to write off a large personal debt.

The accusation was levelled in Parliament earlier this week by Mr Frank le Roux, a Conservative Party member. He claimed that in the early 1970s Mr Botha, then Minister of Water Affairs, had asked Parliament to write off some 1m-rand (about £570,000) in debt incurred by an irrigation scheme in the Southsiders without disclosing he was personally liable for 190,000 rand of this debt through ownership of two farms.

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# Cosmonauts get back to Russia safely after docking failure

Moscow (Reuter) - Three Soviet cosmonauts, who failed to dock with the orbiting Salyut 7 space station, returned safely to Earth yesterday, the Tass news agency reported. It said their craft, Soyuz T8, landed in Soviet Central Asia at 13.29 GMT.

Tass said the craft, carrying the cosmonauts Lieutenant-Colonel Vladimir Titov, Gennadiy Serebriy and Alexander Serebriy, came down in the planned region, north-east of the city of Arkalyk, in the deserts of the central Asian republic of Kazakhstan.

"Following the controllable descent in the atmosphere, a parachute system was put into operation."

"Just before the touchdown the soft-landing engines went into action, and the vehicle landed smoothly."

The last time a Soviet manned craft came down in Kazakhstan, blizzards stopped recovery teams finding its cosmonauts for more than an hour. Yesterday's hazardous return was carried out, however, in much better weather.

Tass said the flight commander, Colonel Titov, and the others were feeling well.

Tass indicated that before the descent of the Soyuz T8 the cosmonauts switched to manual control.

"The cosmonauts carried out the orientation of the spacecraft

and later consecutively separated the orbital module, activated the descent engine, and separated the descent vehicle from the instrument and plant module."

The first hint that the landing had been completed successfully came at a celebratory meeting in the Kremlin yesterday marking the 113th anniversary of Lenin's birth.

A Kremlin aide handed Marshal Dmitriy Ustinov, the Defence Minister a handwritten note. He read it, smiled and tapped the table with the flat of his hand before passing it to Yuriy Andropov, the party leader, who nodded on reading the note and handed it to Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.

Tass announced the descent about 40 minutes later.

The three cosmonauts should have docked with Salyut 7 on Thursday afternoon.

If the docking had been completed it would have created the biggest orbital complex the Soviet Union has yet put together, including a large, unmanned cargo vehicle launched last month and linked with the space station by remote control.

The present mission had been expected to bring the Soviet Union closer to creation of a permanently manned orbiting research complex.

The aborted docking, how-

ever, could mean delays of several months.

The last Soviet space flight to go wrong was in April, 1979, when a joint Soviet-Bulgarian mission on board Soyuz 33 failed to dock with Salyut 6.

But this week's was the first to fail with the Soyuz T-series craft, which have been used for manned flights since 1980.

Yesterday, Western experts said they believed the difficulties could also exacerbate divisions among Soviet space chiefs about which direction the entire programme should take.

According to an official Soviet announcement, the attempt to link Soyuz T8, with Salyut 7 was called off because of "deviations" in the craft's approach.

The Soyuz T8 flight is the seventh mission to a Salyut station to go wrong. The first flight to a Salyut craft ended in tragedy in 1971, when three cosmonauts returning to Earth were killed during their craft's reentry.

But almost all other failures have been caused by problems with docking, the most complicated part of a space mission from launch to landing.

There is a dearth of Soviet information on reasons for failures in their space programme, but a common theory is that small manoeuvring rockets, known to have caused difficulties during flights in the 1960s, are still unreliable.

# I'm happy to be with the people, Walesa says

Warsaw (Reuter, AFP) - Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity trade union, said yesterday he had been told to resume work on Monday as an electrician at the Lenin Shipyards in Gdansk, where his independent movement was founded in 1980.

"I am very happy," he said after being given his post back in the shipyard's transport department. "Now I will be back with the people again."

Mr Walesa has been trying to return to the yards, where he worked before becoming Solidarity chairman, since he was released from martial law internment last November. A spokesman for Mr Walesa said earlier that the union leader had been on the payroll at the shipyard since the end of January but had not been assigned a post.

His dealings with the police and other authorities are not yet over. He was due to attend a meeting yesterday with Treasury officials to explain certain aspects of the administration of Solidarity which they consider irregular.

His return to the shipyards after an absence of more than 16 months, where he still has an immense following, may have a significant effect on the social climate, observers say.

His presence may result in a wide response to demonstrations, being called by the underground Solidarity leadership for May 1.



Oath of office: Mr Presser being sworn in as Teamsters leader. Behind him, right, is Salvatore Provenzano, charged on Tuesday with misusing union welfare funds.

# Teamsters get a 'Mr Clean'

From Christopher Thomas, New York

The powerful and scandal-ridden International Brotherhood of Teamsters has a new president, Mr Jackie Presser, who found it necessary yesterday to tell the nation he had never been indicted or taken before a grand jury.

Even so, the branch he heads in Cleveland, Ohio, is under federal investigation for possible payroll fraud and Mr Presser did acknowledge that "time and again" he has been investigated by law enforcement officers.

He was elected unanimously at a brief meeting of the union's general executive in Scottsdale, Arizona. His associates said that before the vote they were assured by the Justice Department that no indictments against Mr Presser were planned as a result of pre-set investigations.

Mr Presser, aged 56, spoke of his desire to bring a new direction to the union, America's biggest, with a membership that has declined rapidly in the last few years to just under two million. He plans to organize public workers.

"I will run an open and honest administration," he said. "The teamsters' union has been much maligned in the press and unfortunately the good we do for our members is often lost and unreported."

His predecessor, Mr Roy Williams, resigned under pressure from the Government, which had sought his removal because of his alleged links with the Mafia.

# Austerity moves cost Mitterrand support

From Diana Geddes Paris

A big drop in support for President Mitterrand and the Government is shown in the latest opinion polls after the announcement of the new austerity measures last month. But given the toughness of the measures - which included increases in income tax and limitations on foreign travel, it is perhaps surprising that the Government is not faring worse in the polls.

According to the latest poll by the reliable Sofres opinion poll organization, published in *Le Figaro* yesterday, 44 per cent of French people say they have confidence in President Mitterrand and the Government to bring the country out of its present economic crisis, compared with 49 per cent 10 months ago, just after introduction of the first austerity programme.

Fifty-four per cent say they are disappointed with what President Mitterrand has done since his election nearly two years ago, while only 30 per cent say they are satisfied.

It is clear that the latest austerity measures have not been greeted with great joy, 51 per cent saying they disapprove of the measures and only 32 per cent expressing approval. Nevertheless, 54 per cent say they are ready to make some sacrifices in the present situation, compared with only 31 per cent who are not prepared to do so.

## Choice for Portugal

# Divided coalition or Socialist disillusion

From Richard Wigg, Coimbra

Portugal's general election campaign ends tonight and the Socialists are redoubling their demands to the electorate for a governing majority. Their opponents in the ruling coalition, however, are concentrating on attacking each other. Polling is on Monday, anniversary of the 1974 Revolution.

In Coimbra, Professor Carlos Mota Pinto, the Social Democrat leader and Prime Minister, saw his supporters tear his former coalition partners, the Christian Democrats, with as much enthusiasm as they booed the opposition Socialists.

None the less the 47-year-old Coimbra University professor offered the electors a new coalition formula as the best way to prevent Portugal's Moscow-line Communists from forcing their way into a left-wing government.

Dr Mario Soares, the 58-year-old Socialist leader and former Prime Minister, adopts different tactics. He wore a black suit and

a black tie, as if for a state funeral, when he appeared on television this week to ask voters to give Portugal a Socialist government. The dress was not inappropriate in view of the picture he drew of the economy.

President Antonio Eanes said recently that Portugal was heading for bankruptcy, and whatever government emerged from the elections, it must give priority to the economy, which democratic governments since June 1976, whether of the left or right, had only managed to worsen.

Dr Soares pointed out that \$3,500m must be found by the end of this year merely in servicing and partial repayment on total foreign indebtedness of more than \$13,000m (about £8,600m).

The Socialists believe that the best strategy to win the election is to tell voters something approaching the truth. This way, they calculate, the parties which made up the outgoing Balsemão Government can be attacked both for economic incompetence and for keeping the country in the dark on the full extent of the crisis.

If the Socialists win, Dr Soares can only offer 18 months of economic stabilization. Worse, he has warned Portuguese voters from the hustings that they face two to three years of "below European living standards".

Dr Soares, of course, is hoping for an outright Socialist majority in Parliament. But at the least he needs a strong party in the Chamber if he is to lead a new coalition and administer strong economic medicine where the Democratic Alliance Government so obviously failed.

According to a public opinion poll taken here but published earlier this week in the *Madrid Diario 16* - polls are forbidden in Portugal throughout the three-week election campaign - the Socialists should obtain 34 per cent of the vote. The Social Democrats, the main partners in the outgoing coalition, should win 16.9 per cent, and the Christian Democrats and Popular Monarchists, the remaining partners, 7.9 and 0.9 per cent respectively.



Professor Mota Pinto: At odds with his supporters.



Dr Soares: Black suit and doom-laden speech.

# Bethel makes human rights plea to MEPs

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Public pressure must be built up in order to force Western governments to take action on human rights, Lord Bethel, Conservative MEP for London North West, said on Thursday in Brussels. The Foreign Office, he said, was very reluctant to get involved in the subject but public pressure could change that.

He was speaking at the end of the first inquiry carried out by the European Parliament into human rights and over which he had presided as chairman of the Parliament, Human Rights Working Group. Although he admitted the Parliament had no real powers in the area, it could influence public opinion.

It was particularly important for it to do this in attempts to make sure that the Eastern bloc countries observed the Helsinki Act and Lord Bethel said that because of the initiative of the European Parliament of two years ago experts from both East and West would now be consulting in the follow-up to the Helsinki Act conference in Madrid.

The European Parliament, he

argued, was a particularly appropriate place in which to discuss human rights since it was the only elected body covering the countries of Western Europe. This was a main reason the meeting had concentrated on Eastern Europe - "because if things change one day Czechoslovakia could apply for membership of the EEC."

Lord Bethel was impressed by the idea of setting up a European Community radio financed by EEC funds which would be "the voice of democratic peoples".

Lord Bethel's own visa to the Soviet Union had been withdrawn this week, and said he believed Britain should retaliate by refusing to grant any visas to members of the Supreme Soviet.

Herr Reinhardt Gnaack, president of the European Society of Human Rights, told Parliament he believed building the pipeline to carry Soviet gas to Western Europe created real moral problems. He had evidence that prisoners of conscience were being forced to work on it.

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Kremlin under siege: Expulsion from Australia, caught red-handed in America, naming names in Asia

Canberra orders Soviet diplomat to leave for threatening security

From Tony Duboulin, Melbourne

Australia ordered the expulsion of a Soviet diplomat yesterday alleging that he was a member of the KGB.

Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, told Dr Nikolai Sudarikov, the Soviet Ambassador, that Mr Valery Nikolayevich Ivanov, a first secretary at the embassy in Canberra, had infringed the conventions applying to the proper conduct of diplomats.

The Ambassador was told to arrange for Mr Ivanov to leave Australia within seven days.

"I pointed out that an accumulation of incidents since Mr Ivanov's arrival in Australia in 1981, now confirmed by information which has come to hand since the change of government, has led the Government to conclude that he is a professional intelligence officer of the Committee for State Security, the KGB", Mr Hayden said.

The Foreign Minister added that he had pointed out to the Soviet Ambassador that by his actions Mr Ivanov had threatened Australia's national security.

Mr Andrew Peacock, the Liberal leader, said that the expulsion had the support of the Opposition and was entirely correct.

The affair comes only a few weeks after election of Mr Bob Hawke, as Prime Minister. After his victory, he announced that Canberra was moving to reestablish normal relations with Moscow. The Liberal Government, which was defeated last month, had imposed restrictions on the relationship because of the Afghan invasion.

The Soviet Embassy said it categorically rejected what it called groundless accusations made by Mr Hayden and expressed bewilderment over the action taken by the Australian authorities.

WASHINGTON: Like a John Le Carré thriller, the latest uncovering of three Soviet spies in the United States raises almost as many questions as it answers, Nicholas Asford writes.

Two of the main questions are: Is there a link between

expulsions ordered by the US and those ordered by Britain, France, Italy, Canada and now Australia? What impact will the expulsions on East-West relations which are already as cold as they have been since the Cuban missile crisis.

American sources said yesterday that, although there was considerable cooperation between Western intelligence agencies, the US expulsions were not directly linked to the European ones. They dismissed suggestions they were the result of information provided by Mr Vladimir Kuzichkin, a Soviet official who defected from Iran to Britain last year.

The same sources emphasize that the three American spy cases themselves were not directly related. One involved Mr Yevgeniy Nikolayevich Barmyansev, a lieutenant-colonel in the Soviet Army and a military intelligence officer, who was caught last Saturday removing eight rolls of undeveloped 35mm film from a tree in the countryside outside Washington.

The second incident involved Mr Aleksandr Nikolayevich Mikheyev, an official from the Soviet mission to the United Nations, who attempted to obtain classified information about American-Soviet relations from an aide of Republican Congresswoman Olympia Snowe of Maine.

In the third incident Mr Oleg Vadimovich Konstantinov, an intelligence officer attached to the Soviet mission in New York, was caught in Long Island earlier this month trying to obtain secret information about US weapons technology from an American who was working secretly for the FBI.

What is considered significant is that in two of the cases the Soviet spies were attempting to obtain information about weapons technology.

The US has been seeking to expand the list of high-technology items which Nato countries are prevented from selling to the Soviet bloc. The controls are implemented by the Paris-based coordinating committee on East-West trade,

known as Cocom. For the past few months Cocom has been looking at ways these controls can be strengthened and expanded.

However, several European nations have made it clear they will resist American efforts to enlarge the list of banned items. This could prove to be a contentious issue at next month's seven-nation economic summit in Williamsburg, Virginia.

STOCKHOLM: Mr Olof Palme, the Prime Minister, was seeking a united front from all the nation's political parties last night on a sharp protest to the Soviet Union against incursions by its submarine fleet into Swedish waters, Christopher Masey writes.

It is thought that the protest will be delivered to the Soviet Embassy on Tuesday, when a parliamentary commission of inquiry publishes its report into the incident last year in which two submarines were discovered off the top secret east coast naval base of Muskö.

Sources close to the commission say that naval experts have identified both submarines and that the report will name the Soviet Union as the aggressor. There is also evidence to suggest that two new robot underwater vessels were launched from the submarines to spy on the Muskö base.

Mr Palme is expected to reaffirm a previous government decision that any future submarines found in Swedish waters run the risk of being depth-charged and sunk.

Previously the Navy has been permitted only to seek to force the intruding submarines to the surface, an almost impossible task, as the Muskö incident proved. Both submarines escaped a huge Swedish air-sea dragnet to reach international waters.

BREST: The presence of two Soviet spy ships off France's Atlantic strategic fleet base could lead to renewed Franco-Soviet tension. Earlier this month, France expelled 47 alleged spies, AFP reports.



Kick-offs end for kicked-out envoy

Mr Anatol Chernayev, a Third Secretary at the Soviet Embassy with his son Aleksel, aged 11, and his wife Viktoria, leaving Heathrow yesterday after being ordered out in retaliation for the expulsion from Moscow of a British journalist and an air attaché.

Before boarding the aircraft, he said: "There will be an empty seat at Highbury. I am a great Arsenal fan. These days your team are much better than ours and when I couldn't get to a match I watched Match of the Day."

Mr Chernayev, aged 34, who had been in London for nearly four years, was the sports organizer at the Soviet Embassy and in charge of the football team there.

His son, who was the goalkeeper for the embassy boys' team, said: "My football team will have to find a new goalkeeper. I am a big football fan, but my favourite side is Manchester United."

Of his expulsion Mr Chernayev said: "I am very sad. It came as a complete surprise. I've never been a spy - I'm a career diplomat and worked at the British desk of the Soviet Foreign Ministry before coming to London."

"This whole business is a game started by the British and picked up by the Nato countries, and I believe it is an attempt to disrupt the friendly relations between Soviet and British trade missions. I always tried to establish good relations."

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Magazine identifies KGB's men in South-East Asia

From David Watts, Singapore

An Asian news magazine has named what it says are the KGB representatives in the region.

The Hongkong-based magazine Asiaweek made the revelations in its latest issue after an investigation which was prompted by an offer of money by one of its correspondents to provide information from Jakarta. According to the magazine, its correspondent, Mr Zohar Abdoolcarim, was

offered up to £100,000 a month for supplying information. The Russians must have considered him extremely well-informed to offer such money, but the correspondent refused.

The magazine says the Singapore representative of the KGB is Mr Vladimir Fedorovich Mikunov, a personable Counsellor at the embassy who is often seen at local press functions and speaks fluent English, Mandarin and French. He has previously been posted in Peking. The GRU (Soviet

military intelligence) representative is said to be Mr Yevgeniy Ignatyevich Kutuzov, Deputy Chief of Mission here.

The Bangkok representative of the KGB was said to be Mr Yuri Aleksandrovich Kiryukhin until he left in May, 1981. His responsibilities have since been divided between Mr Yevgeniy Fedorovich Khrifonov, the First Secretary, Mr Ernest Yevgenyevich Obnitskiy, the Counsellor, and Mr Mikhail Mikhailovich Shapovlov, the trade representative.

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14 men seek ways to put life in EEC

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The 14 members of the European Commission retired to the Château Hulpel outside Brussels this weekend to try to produce a plan to revitalize the EEC with proposals for radically changing the way in which it raises and spends money.

The question of the Community budget has been an increasingly disruptive one in recent years, with Britain and West Germany arguing that they were being asked to pay more than their fair share of the EEC's expenses.

The urgency to come up with a blueprint this weekend is twofold. It is hard to see how the Community can continue beyond next year without running out of money, unless changes are agreed and Britain has made it clear it will cause real trouble if there is no concrete solution in view by the time of the European summit at the beginning of June.

On top of this, the Commission is aware there is a real danger that the European Parliament will use its power to dismiss all 14 members for incompetence later this year, if it fails to produce a satisfactory blueprint.

Mr Ivor Richards, the Commissioner in charge of social affairs, yesterday unveiled a scheme of the type likely to be under consideration at the weekend. This is a plan to create 2½ million jobs for young people under 25 in the EEC over the next five years.

Thorn's return: Two potentially contentious subjects are expected to dominate the Williamsburg economic summit next month, Mr Gaston Thorn, president of the European Commission, said in Brussels yesterday after returning from Washington, where he met President Reagan.

The first was the need for the United States to do more to reduce interest rates and stabilize exchange rates. The second was the issue of East-West trade, as other countries anxious for a tougher policy over deals with the Soviet bloc.

Shultz trip to revive US peace initiative

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, is to fly to the Middle East during the next few days, possibly as early as tomorrow, in an attempt to give new impetus to the talks on troop withdrawals from Lebanon, as well as to signal President Reagan's determination to press on with his Middle East peace initiative.

American officials yesterday were still working out details of his journey and it was still undecided whether or not, because of the security problems, he would go to Beirut. However, he is believed to want to go there, partly to "show the flag" after this week's devastating explosion outside the US Embassy, but also to underscore America's determination to achieve an early withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and PLO forces from Lebanon.

Mr Shultz's itinerary is also expected to include Morocco, Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He is due in Paris on May 9 for a meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and may fly straight there from the Middle East.

Although a trip had been under consideration for some time, the embassy bombing and, more particularly, the recent refusal of King Hussein of Jordan to join the American-sponsored Middle East peace negotiations have made it necessary for him to make the journey now.

Many observers in the United States and the Middle East have written off the President's peace initiative as dead after King Hussein's action which resulted from a veto by radical elements of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

However, both President Reagan and Mr Shultz have emphasized their determination to press ahead with the US peace plan.

Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, the Deputy Secretary of State, and Mr Nicholas Veliotis, the Assistant Secretary of State responsible for the Middle East,

are already in Beirut, where they have gone to accompany home the bodies of the 16 Americans killed in the embassy blast.

Jerusalem: Senior Israeli officials held an urgent meeting yesterday to discuss the



Soldier's burial: Troops carrying the coffin of Lieutenant Zvi Maklis, killed in the Chouf mountains region of Lebanon. His and other recent deaths have increased pressure for a pull-out.

deadlock in negotiations with Lebanon on the withdrawal of troops. There is growing support here for the idea of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal to a 25-mile security zone in southern Lebanon as Israeli casualties continue to mount, Our Correspondent writes.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Moshe Aram, the Defence Minister, led the unscheduled discussions at the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv, and received an up-to-date briefing on the state of the talks from Israel's negotiating team.

Reports after last Thursday's meeting in Halde, Lebanon, suggested that the Israeli negotiators emerged frustrated and despondent with the impression growing that there was no way of breaking the current deadlock.

There are reports of growing support for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal to the Awaril river, which is expected to be discussed tomorrow.

The death of three Israeli officers in Lebanon on Thursday has added to the urgency of an early solution to the problem.

The dilemma facing the Israeli leadership - which is reported to have emerged at yesterday's meeting in Tel Aviv - is how to square the desire for an early withdrawal with the achievement of a minimum security arrangement that would make the Begin Government's Lebanon policy credible.

Kreisky rejects any coalition

From David Blow, Vienna

At his last press conference before Sunday's general election, Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, yesterday accused the opposition People's Party of conducting a disreputable election campaign and said he could see no basis for possible coalition talks after the election.

Dr Kreisky said he was particularly angry at the way his health had been made into an election issue. The Chancellor, who has to have kidney dialysis twice a week, insisted his health was not a problem.

Dr Kreisky recently has been making clear his distaste for the coalition and his preference for heading a minority government, should his Social Democratic Party fail to retain its present absolute majority.

On foreign policy, Dr Kreisky described the Middle East situation as hopeless and a prelude to further armed conflict, but he was more hopeful about East-West relations.

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Harare (Reuters) - Two men have been arrested in connection with the murder of a white Zimbabwean senator, his daughter and a British visitor, a government spokesman said yesterday.

One of the men, allegedly part of a group of up to 30 rebels who raided the senator's ranch in Matabeland province, was also accused of murdering a black woman, the

spokesman said. Neither suspect was identified.

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June election likely after Socialists quit Rome coalition

From John Earle, Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi yesterday announced the withdrawal of his Socialist Party's support from Senator Amintore Fanfani's four-party coalition, paving the way for a general election in June.

"In our opinion the Government has exhausted the important function it was called on to perform, and our support for it is also exhausted," he told a meeting of the Socialist Central Committee.

The Government, Italy's forty-third since the war, is composed of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats and Liberals, and has been in office only since December.

It is expected that Signor Fanfani will submit his resignation to President Sandro Pertini, who will call a general

election one year before the normal end of the legislature's term.

It will probably coincide with partial local elections, in which more than seven million people can vote, and which have been set for June 26.

The Government is not falling on any particular issue and most Christian Democrats hitherto opposed a premature end to the legislature.

But opinion among other parties and industrialists has veered round to the view that to hold local elections now and a general election in June next year would perpetuate a climate of electioneering, in which Signor Fanfani's coalition or any successor would find it difficult to accomplish anything.

Britons get death threat call

From Andrew Thompson, Buenos Aires

Two British journalists have been given 24 hours to leave Argentina or face "execution" by an extremist nationalist organisation.

The threat, against Jimmy Burns of the Financial Times and Ted Oliver of the Daily Mail, was made in a telephone call to the British interests section of the Swiss Embassy on Thursday night. It came in response to Britain's ban on a trip to the Falklands by relatives of Argentine soldiers killed in the war on the islands.

Britain imposed the ban on Wednesday after the International Red Cross withdrew from organizing the visit to a cemetery where 221 Argentine servicemen are buried.

It was the latest of a number of threats against members of the British community after the ban. The caller said he represented the "April 2" group, named after the date of Argentina's ill-fated invasion of the islands.

Earlier on Thursday fire-bombs were thrown at the house of Señor Alberto Fontevicchia, father of the exiled editor of La Semana magazine, which had published an article critical of Captain Alfredo Astiz, the former Argentine commander of the garrison on South Georgia. Anonymous calls have been made to the English-language Buenos Aires Herald giving Mr James Neilson, its editor, 48 hours to leave the country.

In another threat, a caller claiming to represent the "Pedro Giacchino Command" told Reuters news agency it would

kill British residents and take action against British companies if the ban on the visit of Argentine relatives of servicemen killed in the Falklands war is maintained.

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Getty heirs in trouble over bath

Rome - A magistrate has charged five heirs of the late Paul Getty with trying illegally to export work of art. They are alleged to have given instructions from the United States for a removals firm to send them an ancient Roman porphyry bath, 7ft across which stood in the oil magnate's villa outside Rome. Police seized the bath when it was packed and ready for removal.

The five were named as John Ronald Getty, Christopher Ronald Getty, Gordon Peter Getty, Mark Getty and John Paul Getty III, a Rome lawyer acting for them has also been charged.

Sihanouk goes to Paris

Peking (Reuters) - Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of the anti-Vietnamese Kampuchea coalition resistance government, left Peking for Paris, Chinese television reported. He is expected to meet there Mr Son Sann, head of the biggest non-communist group in the coalition.

On Tuesday he said his coalition strongly backed recent Chinese attacks on Vietnamese positions on the Sino-Vietnamese border, which relieved their own guerrillas on the Thai front.

Klansmen face new charges

New York - Six men associated with the Ku Klux Klan and three American Nazi Party members were indicted by a federal grand jury on conspiracy charges arising from an anti-Klan rally in 1979 in Greensboro, North Carolina, in which five demonstrators were killed, Christopher Thomas writes.

Five of those indicted were acquitted by an all-white jury in 1980 of murdering the five.

Axeman kills two nurses

Sydney (Reuters) - a killer wielding an axe, knife and hammer attacked and killed three auxiliary nurses in a school for retarded children here before backing two of them to death. A man of 28 was found beaten to death in a field.

The woman who survived was critically ill with eight stab wounds in her neck. A man of 27 was charged with murder and will appear in court today.

Absent again

Moscow (AP) - Mr Konstantin Chernenko, thought to be a strong rival of Mr Andropov, failed for the second time in less than a week to attend an important gathering of the Kremlin leadership. It was to mark the 113th anniversary of Lenin's birth.

Two hanged

Prague (AFP) - Two men were hanged here for a \$100,000 holdup in 1979 in which a woman cashier of a state export-import bank was killed. The two were initially jailed for 25 years but a state appeal was upheld.

Lava slows

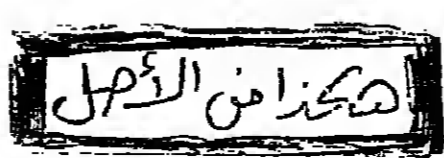
Catania (AP) - Lava from Mount Etna, flowing unchecked for more than three weeks down its south-east slope, had come almost to a standstill, local authorities reported. Temperature at the crater's mouth dropped from 1,030°C to 730°C.

Arms boom

Paris - Export orders for French arms increased by 11 per cent in real terms last year compared with 1981 to a record 41,600m francs (£3,655m). North Africa and the Middle East were the main customers.

Correction

In a Moscow report on April 20, the Great Britain-USSR Association was incorrectly referred to as the Great Britain-USSR Society.





THE ARTS

Theatre

Anguish of the nuclear Pooters

Something called the Coalition for Peace Through Security was giving Raymond Briggs free publicity last night, with loud-speakers blaring "Rule Britannia" from across the road and polite young men on the door of the Whitehall handing out literature against the CND.

If the security group had read *When the Wind Blows* they would have recognized Mr Briggs's characters as their natural allies.

Jim and Hilda Bloggs would be the first to see CND as the Red Menace if the papers said so, and to believe that a nuclear explosion can be blotted out by a rousing performance of "Land of Hope and Glory." They are any government's ideal citizens; a docile, uncompaining, inexhaustibly obedient pair of Little Englanders, gamely facing the prospect of megadeaths in the spirit of VE Day, and confident that they will come smiling through with the help of the all-wise authorities and a nice cup of tea.

At the first threat of a pre-emptive strike ("Oh not another strike" moans Hilda) Jim arms himself with a copy of *Protect and Survive* and sets about constructing the approved "Inner-Core-of-Refuge" by laying three anti-bomb doors against the outer wall. So far as comedy goes, that is Mr Briggs's tactic. He takes the smooth bureaucratic advice paragraph by paragraph and shows somebody



A nice cuppa: Ken Jones and Patricia Routledge as Jim and Hilda Bloggs

trying to carry it out in humdrum detail.

The Refuge is about big enough for a litter of cats; plastic bags seem the solution to everything from excrement to the disposal of dead bodies; there is a long list of supplies and the couple are thrown into a panic by peanut butter as neither of them likes it. Then, with their preparations still unfinished, the bomb falls.

In Mr Briggs's strip-cartoon book, this is indicated by two facing pages of empty whiteness. In David Neilsen's production there is a blinding flash and then an immensely prolonged distant roar, and the sound of a savage wind tearing through Hilda's cherished kitchen. From this moment, the book and the stage version diverge. The events and the dialogue are the same; Jim and

Hilda escape a direct hit and spend the rest of the fable slowly dying. But whereas Mr Briggs's cartoon mannikins still retain a tenuous thread of comedy, this is wholly obliterated, once they are translated into flesh and blood. "Ooer" and "Eek" exclaim the cartoon figures when they find their legs developing ugly blotches, and their hair falling out. What you hear from

Patricia Routledge and Ken Jones at the Whitehall are the authentically harrowing sounds of human anguish in a situation in which we, like they, have no words to express.

The weakness of the production is that it still attempts to hold on to the vestiges of comedy: still characterizing the pair as nuclear-age Pooters, and still cracking jokes about taking trips to the chemists and waiting for the newspaper-boy when such expectations must long have expired. Mr Jones partly gets around this by looking on the bright side from sheer thickness into solitude for the wife who is steadily crumbling.

What emerges as a compensation is an emotional power over approached in the book: the sight of the couple standing silent and appalled in their garden and then remarking on the lovely day; or bisecting their last cough pastille when the water has run out and tenderly feeding the portions into each others' mouths. I have ever seen a more painfully truthful account of human distress; and as it also may turn out to be yours and mine, this production ranks as an essential civic experience, as well as an unforgettable theatrical one.

Irving Wardle

Television

Too close for comfort

A duologue of which Freddie Jones has one half presents something of a challenge to the actor who has the niter, Mr James being a performer whose every expression and movement and whose considerable comic talent is likely to make his half appear predominant.

In Peter Lowe's *A Small Desperation* on BBC2 last night, Robert Burbage faced up to this challenge remarkably well, getting away with, perhaps, 40 per cent of it. He was the head boy, Peter, soo of a well-heeled socialist MP, facing up to Mr Jones's headmaster, a man made abstract by the abrasion of generations of schoolboys and whose final years before retirement have had the additional bemusement of a change

to a mixed comprehensive. The purpose of Peter's visit is to persuade him to mention the book he has written at the speech day, a request which presents the head with some problems as the similarity between the characters in the book and members of the staff is far from coincidental.

He has not been omitted himself, finding some likeness to himself in the portrait of a headmaster suffering from involuntarily melancholia, a condition Peter explains as somewhat short of senile dementia, who is having an affair with his secretary.

The interview begins in a low-key way with the headmaster waddering in the window to observe cricket practice.

apparently more interested in that than in Peter's case. The balance shifts as the discussion centres more on the character of Peter's headmaster, the real head making the false assumption that Peter knew that he actually had been having an affair with his secretary. Knowing that, Peter presses for a concession.

It was a nicely written play affording Mr Jones, in the period of his verbal ascendancy, some witty lines, such as the one where, observing a dicky stroke at the nets, he observes: "I suppose he thinks that having paid for the edges as well as the middle, he might as well use them".

Dennis Hackett

WEEKEND CHOICE

James Bellini's film *Wise Man and the Wheel* (tomorrow, Channel 4, 10.15pm) smartly whips away the halo that Sir Richard Attenborough suspended over Gandhi's head. Great meo of history, Mr Bellini declares, should be judged by the consequences of their beliefs, not by their deeds while they are still alive. His is not, however, a political judgment on Gandhi, although he passingly rebukes him for his political naivety over, for example, Mussolini's Italy. Mr Bellini comes down hard ("Gandhi's dreams were but the fantasies of old age") on the economic legacy that the charis-

matic Hindu left to his nation, particularly as it affected the home-spun cotton industry by which Gandhi set such store. Poverty, industrial chaos, and avaricious merchant class, a one-party state. These are just a few of the grim mousies Mr Bellini comes up with to set against the glowing pluses to the Attenborough film.

A proud and affluent green city, says reporter Eric Robson about Glasgow, the subject of his film series that ends tomorrow night (BBC 2, 9.35). That is not, however, the picture that has emerged from his films because they have concentrated on the city's East

End, and there is precious little that is green, proud or affluent about this former manufacturing base of steel and textiles. Like a chapter from *Hard Times*, says Mr Robson about his final film, which is very much like a Dickensian frieze, with its down-and-outs, its jobless, homeless and hopeless.

Radio choice: A second chance to hear Don Haworth's spectacular allegorical saga *Dragon* (tonight Radio 3, 8.10) which brilliantly restores the balance in favour of the fire-breathers after all those pro-St George stories.

Peter Davalle

Concert

Allegri Quartet

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Peter Carter, David Roth, Keith Lovell and Bruno Schrecker played two Schubert quartets on Thursday night. And, one by one, alas, their individual performing presences and the discrepancies between them claimed more attention than their disturbingly erratic performances, consistent only in their lack of any sense of style.

The over-assertive first violin of Peter Carter, the often self-effacing character of David Roth's second violin and Keith Lovell's viola, and the warm, if uneven, voice of Bruno Schrecker's cello united on this occasion in an unhappy combination of playing safe interpretatively with playing rough physically. Things were at their worst in the "Death and the Maiden" Quartet, D810, whose outer two movements, unnecessarily harshly led, did violence to the work's inner momentum by imposing on it a hard-driven external energy. The slow movement's theme and variations, on the other

hand, skimmed the surface in both manner and matter.

It was less Mr Carter's tense, abrupt leadership and more the weakness of the inner parts that flattened the contours of the B flat Quartet, D112. The work's scello heartbeat was dulled to the first two movements, and the pleasing fluidity of tempo between sections in the Andante lacked the support of a comparable sense of balance and flow in the part-writing itself.

That reluctance, particularly to the violins, to let their instruments speak, and the preference for forcing their lines upon themselves it were, was not, thank goodness, shared by Gloria Saarinen, who joined the four string players for Dvorak's Piano Quintet. Her playing was as warmly expansive, as lyrical and imaginative as the work itself. It was the greater pity that, with the exception of Keith Lovell's fleeting viola duet in the Andante, the players seemed to be so much of the time working in cootest rather than in collaboration with her.

Hilary Finch

Radio

Hell is a deep, steady hum

Dante is a hard man to follow, so it was ambitious - maybe even rash - of Peter Howell to take *Inferno* as the starting point for his *Inferno Revisited* (Radio 4, April 17, producer, Brian Hodgson and Howell himself) out of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop's contributions to its own Silver Jubilee.

The programme was conceived as a conducted tour for a party of sightseers. Alec McCowen was the latter-day Virgil, guide to a regio which was made to bear much the same sort of relation to Dante's teeming conurbation as a ghost city to its former metropolis. So we heard the awesome inscription above the gate: "Per me si va nella città dolente...".

declaimed as to the mouths of wraiths. "Hell", the guide informed us, "has been cancelled due to lack of interest". But, as we were to find, not quite. As the party descended, the morale deteriorating as it went - Howell conveyed the distinct impression that the City of Dis had not utterly gone out of business at the point of its evocation of Cocytus that the programme made its greatest impression. It did this by what were apparently the simplest means, namely a steady, deep hum which, whether because of its context, its associations (the London Underground at 4 am) or some inherent quality of its own, suggested a Hell by no means cancelled but either patiently awaiting its opportunity, or - more unnerving - working through some other, unsuspected outlet.

In other respects, however, *Inferno Revisited* offered a good deal that was less successful. For instance, the gastric associations of what sounded like a giant thermal spring in Circle III were a bit unfortunate, but I think the enterprise was at its weakest in the key areas of format and script. As Howell had conceived it, the guide was the only speaker. Yes, we heard the tourists but as a sort of rabble-babble in the middle distance, expressing without too much conviction various gradations of dismay, such as existence as they had depended on the rhetorical questions of the guide. These combined with his repeated exclamations to these to pull themselves together, became increasingly tiresome as the programme continued and

the rest of the writing simply did not seem to me robust and resonant enough to compensate. So here was a brave attempt,

worth doing, but very mixed in outcome. In the meantime an unqualified Workshop success, Desmond Briscoe's celebration of Charles Causley, *By St Thomas Water*, seems unable to find a taker. There ain't no justice.

Perhaps, if anybody can be persuaded to transmit it during 1983, Briscoe's beautiful programme will follow in the footsteps of his *A Wall Walks Slowly* and score a resounding hit next year at what are now the Sony Radio Awards. The first of these affairs to be held under Japanese sponsorship reached its climax last Wednesday in the London Hilton.

As to the awards themselves, although the BBC bore off the lion's share, Independent Local Radio must be feeling pretty pleased with itself. Manchester's Piccadilly Radio, for example, won both Best Documentary and Best Community Service programmes, while Radio Clyde's splendid play, *Till All the Seas Run Dry*, was one of the top three for Best Drama Production as well as carrying Mary Riggins to number one position as Best Actress. The actual award for Best Production was won by Cherry Cookson for her handling of Marilyn Wade's glittering treatment of the life of Percy Grainger, *Over the Hills and Far Away*.

However, I think that from drama's point of view the most gratifying aspect of the whole event has been to see the wide range of sources involved. Though the Best Actor title went to a Radio 3 production - John Nettles in *Mirror Image* - it was the World Service and Alan Plater who took the Best Play prize with *The Journal of Yussif Bogdanovic* (with any luck, we'll now hear this delightful play in the UK) and there were "top three" nominations not only from the distinguished drama department in Northern Ireland, but from other local services, BBC Radio Leeds, and from the Corporation's African Service. I don't think there have ever been drama awards for radio that owed less to Broadcasting House.

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# Secrets that survived the Bunker

by Hugh Trevor-Roper

## THE TIMES DIARY

### Black Mark

When intending to attend the all-white premiere of *Gandhi* in South Africa, Sir Richard Attenborough stressed the importance of the film being shown in that country. It is worth remarking, then, that the film's South African scenes are inaccurate.

Ooe shows Gandhi being beaten by South African police for burning a passbook. History has no record of this. According to Louis Fischer's biography, Gandhi was arrested on countless occasions, and beaten up twice: once in 1908 by Pathan Indians who considered him had sold out to the British, and once by a white mob when he landed at Durban in 1897. On that occasion he was actually rescued by the wife of a police superintendent and given a police escort.

*A propos* Gandhi's regard for black Africans, of course, the film makes his role in raising an Indian Volunteer Force to serve with the British in the Kafir wars, and his dugged insistence that they should be in the very thick of the fray.

### In reserve

In circumstances of discreet privacy, Margaret Thatcher had lunch at Christie's this week. She did not seem interested in buying anything, so perhaps she is selling, and contemplating a novel form of privatization of the nationalized industries. Heaven! The Victoria & Albert Museum is still a government institution. The sooner we bury it into trusteeship the better, I should think.

### Marching orders

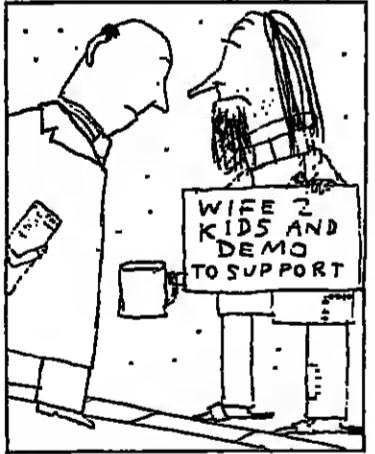
The approaching bicentenary of Simon Bolivar is to be made the opportunity for some government fence-mending in South America. Among the lectures, seminars and ceremonies planned in half a dozen British cities will be a wreath-laying by the Duke of Kent "on behalf of the British people" at Bolivar's statue in Belgrave Square. Bolivar came to London in 1810, and based some of his political reforms on the British system.

He thought so highly of the contribution of his British legion of volunteers to his victory at Carabobo in 1821 that he gave the British Army the right in perpetuity to march through the streets of Bogotá in full battle regalia. The right was last exercised after John Blashford-Snell's Darien expedition.

### Croaked?

The cancellation of Stephen Sondheim's *The Frogs* at the Bloomsbury Theatre next month means this version of Aristophanes' play written in the mid-1960s still awaits its first professional production. It was originally done for the end-of-term celebrations at Yale University and took place in the campus swimming pool with a cast including the university water polo team. There was also a guest actress from a nearby college: Meryl Streep. The London Frogs now have little to show for their project save a frog haircut which was created for them.

BARRY FANTONI



● A seminar of the Association of Independent Museums today should be a hallowed event. According to the invitations (in two places) it is being held at the Museum of East Anglian Life.

### Work this out

Readers complain that *The Times* has misprints, but I notice from my *Guardian* yesterday that a condition of the Argentine relatives' visit to the Falklands is that "the Red Cross should smoulnvmeck the names of the passengers". I hope to find that the nimble fingers of *Times* operatives are up to the challenge of reproducing this interesting neologism accurately.

Entries are fluttering in for my competition to design a new flag for the European Community more exciting than the confusing Council of Europe one it is intended to adopt. Some are garish, others downright rude. Suggestions for a motif include a shimmering pot, intertwined thumbs on noses, a 12-legged camel trying to jump a tariff barrier, and a frog rampant. All are much more imaginative than those suggested in a French opinion poll which were (in order of public popularity) a sunburst, a tree, a phoenix, some latticework, an eagle, a cross, and a bull. Any entry suggesting that these emblems be incorporated in the design may be disqualified, but I am glad to say that in date none has.

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The article on "John Gilpin" announced in yesterday's *Times* has been held over.

A new document - or rather, a whole new archive of documents - has recently come to light in Germany. It is an archive of great historical significance. When it is available to historians, it will occupy them for some time. It may also disconcert them. It is Hitler's private diary, kept by him, in his own hand, throughout almost the whole of his reign.

The diary begins in 1932, the year before Hitler's seizure of power, and ends in April 1945, when he had already informed his court of his intended suicide. It is a long work. The entries, at first occasional, become, after the outbreak of war, a regular daily record. Altogether, it fills more than 60 volumes.

I confess that, when I first heard of this discovery, I was sceptical. No historian, as far as I know, has ever hinted at this private diary. None of Hitler's associates or servants - not even Goebbels or Speer - referred to it. Hitler himself said that he found writing physically difficult, and it is generally supposed that, after 1933, or perhaps even after 1934, he practically ceased to write in his own hand. The very idea of Hitler as a methodical diarist is new.

Besides, I said to myself, there are so many forgeries circulating profitably in the "grey market": forged documents about Bormann, forged diaries of Eva Braun, falsified accounts of interviews with Hitler, which have deceived the elect. Clearly one must approach this new discovery very critically. Before setting out to inspect it, I formulated a series of questions to which I would require answers, and I suspected that the answers would fortify, rather than dispel, my doubts.

However, when I had entered the back room in the Swiss bank, and turned the pages of those volumes, and learned the extraordinary story of their discovery, my doubts gradually dissolved. I am now satisfied that the documents are authentic; that the history of their wanderings since 1945 is true; and that the standard accounts of Hitler's writing habits, of his personality, and even, perhaps, some public events may, in consequence, have to be revised.

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The diaries are fascinating in themselves, merely as documents. They are kept in plain exercise books, with stiff black covers, and their authenticity is declared by Hitler himself and by his last secretary, who held and managed all his personal property, the ubiquitous but invisible Martin Bormann.

Notes pasted on the covers state that they are the personal property of the Führer, and that in the event of his death they are to be handed to Julius Schaub - his long-serving adjutant and friend - and passed by him to Hitler's half-sister, Paula. Another note records that the diaries for the years before 1932 are lost. However, the surviving record is not limited to the later period, for the same archive contains several other documents which take us back far beyond 1932: through the years of "the struggle for power", the Munich Putsch, the First World War, even to Hitler's Vienna days, to 1908.

There are also certain special volumes, also in Hitler's own hand, on subjects of particular importance, such as the flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain in May 1941, and the attempted assassination of Hitler on July 20, 1944.

Indeed, it is these other documents - letters, notes, notices of meetings, minutes, mementoes, and, above all, signed paintings and

drawings by Hitler, all covering several decades - which convinced me of the authenticity of the diaries. For all belong in the same archive, and whereas signatures, single documents, or even groups of documents can be skilfully forged, a whole coherent archive covering 35 years is far less easily manufactured.

Such a disproportionate and indeed extravagant effort offers too large and vulnerable a flank to the critics who will certainly assail it. Here the forger would have to imitate not only Hitler's and Bormann's hands, but also the gradual change in Hitler's hand from 1908 to 1945, the idiosyncrasies of his method of writing, the whole style of the man: not only the text but the context within which the individual documents, throughout that period, were written. The archive, in fact, is not only a collection of documents which can be individually tested; it coheres as a whole, and the diaries are an integral part of it.

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General Hans Baur was Hitler's personal pilot, in charge of the air transport of the Führer's Headquarters. He is very familiar to me, for he was one of the persons whom I particularly sought in 1945, when I was seeking to discover Hitler's fate. I knew that Baur had been with Hitler to the end; but I could not find him; and I soon discovered why. He had been captured, together with several other flyers, from Hitler's Bunker, in a beer-cellar in which they had taken refuge. The Russians, unaware of the importance of their prisoners, had published their names; but all requests by me to interrogate them were ignored, and Baur disappeared into Russia for nine years.

He re-emerged when Khrushchev opened the prison camps, and returned to Germany. On his return, I visited him in Bavaria. He told me that he was writing his memoirs; they would not be a work of scholarship or history, he explained, but a book to be read "by the fire, in the evening, with pipe in mouth". However, as it turned out, these jovial, easy-going memoirs, published in 1956, contained a passage which, as now amplified by Baur himself, is of vital importance in this story.

On April 21, 1945, when the Russian grip was closing around Berlin, Baur was kept busy organizing the evacuation by air of those persons who had the Führer's permission to leave the doomed capital for the last redoubt, or bolt-hole, in Obersalzberg. That evening two planes were sent off within five minutes of each other. The pilot of one was called Schulze, of the other Gundlfinger. Into the second of these planes Bormann personally packed a number of steel containers. Bormann's secretary was also assigned to that plane, but in the end she did not go in it; she remained in Berlin. One of those who did go in it was Hitler's batman, Arndt.

Later that evening Baur received a



distressing telephone message. One of the two planes, he was told, had crashed in the Erzgebirge, on the northern frontier of Bohemia. Apparently it had flown too low, presumably to escape enemy aircraft.

Baur reported the facts to Hitler, who asked which of the two planes had crashed. On being told that it was Gundlfinger's, he said that that was the plane in which Arndt was travelling, and he shed a perfunctory tear for Arndt. Then he exploded. "In that plane," he exclaimed, "were all my private archives, what I had intended as a testimony for posterity! It is a catastrophe!"

That exclamation, wrung from Hitler by this culminating personal disaster, is the only known mention by him, or anyone else, of his private archive and its fate. There was no immediate sequel to it. Nothing could be done about it, for next day all communication between Berlin and South Germany was cut off. The scene of the accident was in a theatre of war - Russian and American armies were converging on it, and since all those in the plane had perished, there was little hope of salvage. Hitler could now only await his fate in Berlin.

By the time Baur emerged from his Russian captivity, and so casually told the story, the episode was old history. The wreckage of the plane had disintegrated like the Reich around it; the place where it had crashed, and where Arndt and Gundlfinger were buried, was in East Germany; and East German historians are not interested, or are not allowed to be interested, in Hitler and the Third Reich.

Even in West Germany the vital piece of information buried in Baur's book was not at first appreciated. He was probably himself unaware of its importance. Another 20 years were to pass before

a German researcher thought of following up that clue and seeking to trace the remains, if any, of that precious cargo which, as Hitler supposed, had been destroyed in the crash of Gundlfinger's plane. That was the beginning of the process which led to the discovery of Hitler's secret archive.

When a plane crashed on German soil, it was the duty of the local units of the *Wehrmacht* to secure the wreckage and account for the contents. In this case the wreckage was indeed secured; but in the turmoil of that time and place, when authority had collapsed, there was no means of accounting for the contents. In these circumstances, the officer of the *Wehrmacht* who had secured them was able to keep them in his personal possession, or protection. They remained in his possession for many years, concealed in a hay-loft.

Finally, in 1981, the researcher who had started from the evidence of Baur caught up with his quarry. The accidental possessor of Hitler's archive, now over 80 years old, yielded it up for a consideration. The new owner, in agreement with the German Federal Archives, which will ultimately receive it, took possession. Meanwhile selected parts of it will be published in Germany by *Stern* magazine.

Such is the external and circumstantial history of this extraordinary archive: a history which, together with the internal character of the documents and their context in the archive of which they are part, seems to me to constitute clear proof of their authenticity.

The archive still bears the evidence of its adventure, for although most of the documents are intact, 300 of the 700 pictures and drawings by Hitler were destroyed in the crash. It now remains for us to ask what is the historical signifi-

cance of this archive? Why did Hitler keep such a daily record? How does its discovery affect our interpretation of events, and of Hitler himself?

First of all, we have to come to terms with the fact that Hitler was a diarist - almost, we may say (given the other pressures on his time) a compulsive diarist. The hitherto accepted idea that after his release from prison in 1924 he had stopped writing by hand is a myth.

In fact, we must envisage him, every night, after he had apparently gone to bed - after his servant Heinz Linge had entered in his engagement book the word *Schluss* (which was often at 2.00 or 3.00 in the morning) - sitting down to write his daily record; and perhaps more too, for the archive contains not only the diaries but whole books by Hitler - books on Jesus Christ, on Frederick the Great, on himself (the three subjects which seem equally to fascinate megalomaniac Germans) - and a third volume of *Mein Kampf*. If Hitler (as he said in 1942) had long ago found writing by hand a great effort, that may be not so much because he was out of practice as because he already suffered from writer's cramp.

It is agreeable to think that, while Goebbels, striding to and fro in his office, was dictating, at high speed, his version of the events of the day, Hitler, alone in his bedroom, was secretly scribbling his own rival version. But why, we ask, did he do it?

To answer the question we must discard the old idea of Hitler as a mere opportunist, living politically from hand to mouth, and recognize that he was indeed, as he always maintained, a "philosopher". He read much, he wrote much, and he thought much. The quality of his reading, his writing and his thought may be questioned, but there can be no doubt of the power of his mind. He was impressed by it himself. He saw himself almost as a unique historical phenomenon.

"At long intervals," he wrote in *Mein Kampf*, "it may occasionally happen that the practical politician and the political philosopher are one"; and he added that such a man could not expect to be understood "by every philistine" - "he reaches out towards ends that are comprehensible only by the few" - and by "posterity, for whom he also works."

"The few" and "posterity" . . . It was because Hitler believed that his achievement in history was incomprehensible to contemporaries that he was so determined to appeal beyond them to posterity. Only posterity could appreciate a "world phenomenon": a man who, like no other, understood the forces of history and could, by understanding them, and by sheer will-power, control them.

This sublime confidence inspired his immediate disciples, Goebbels could criticize him in his absence, but was invariably reinspired by personal contact. Hess, in the dock at Nuremberg, broke his silence only to extol "the greatest son whom Germany has ever produced". Bormann, in his private letters, insisted that Hitler was "superhuman": "he towers over us like Mount Everest".

But Hitler was not prepared to leave his message to posterity in the hands even of these devoted disciples. He was determined to speak to it direct. Hence his books, which, after *Mein Kampf*, for immediate tactical reasons, he chose not to publish. Hence his periodic "political testaments", which - except for the last - remained secret. Hence his "table talk", unobtrusively recorded by Bormann for a future record. Hence also his diary which was to be, as he told Baur, "ein Zeugnis für die Nachwelt", a testimony for posterity. We can understand, in these circumstances, his *cri de coeur* when he thought that it had been destroyed in that crashed plane in the Erzgebirge.

How will posterity receive it? Here we must become cautious. There will be a temptation, because

of the dramatic circumstances of its discovery, to see the diary in isolation, as a new revelation, perhaps as a correction of accepted views. That would be a mistake. Clear-sighted though he could be, Hitler was never one to yield to inconvenient evidence. Like Goebbels, he wrote propaganda, not objective history. He recorded what he wished posterity to believe; and no doubt he omitted what he wished to be overlooked. A man who believes that the human will can bend the course of history is not likely to submit to the correction of petty facts.

Therefore Hitler's diaries must be read no less critically than Goebbels' diaries, or any other historical evidence. Where they conflict with received opinions, they must not necessarily yield to those opinions, but equally they must not automatically prevail over them. The evidence for the received opinions must be dismantled and the new evidence treated as one more element to be weighed and tested in relation to it before the pattern is reconstructed. To treat Hitler's evidence, as over-riding other evidence, except in isolated areas, is absurd. It is to introduce the *Führerprinzip* into history - in other words, to play his game.

One particular episode which will need to be examined very carefully is the case of Rudolf Hess. There is, as I have said, a whole volume on the case of Hess, in which Hitler, as it seems, takes responsibility for Hess's flight. But we must not jump to premature conclusions. There are many mysteries in the case of Hess.

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Perhaps it is true that Hitler, in his eagerness for peace with Britain, and his ignorance of British unity, secretly ordered the adventure which, surprisingly, he disowned before Hess was known even to have arrived in Britain, and that Hess, ever since, as a perfect boy-scout, has feigned madness rather than betray his Führer. But before leaping to that conclusion we must know exactly what kind of contact Hitler authorized. Was it merely, as historians have hitherto maintained, a secret approach, through private friends or did it really include, in detail, that hare-brained adventure?

Similarly we may note that there is no special file - and I should be surprised if, in all those diaries, there is any specific entry - devoted to the mass murder of the Jews. Hitler, as we know, was determined that his name and his authority should never be associated with that squalid business; and in his "testimony for posterity" he is unlikely to have owned to a policy from which, at the time, he took such pains to distance himself. But the circumstantial evidence on this subject overpowers the elaborate silence with which he sought to protect his name.

These and many other questions will engage the interest of historians when they can pick over this astonishing archive which has now, after nearly 40 years, emerged from the wreckage of the Third Reich. The secrecy which enveloped it during Hitler's lifetime, the dramatic circumstances of its loss in 1945, and of its rediscovery today, are a reminder that the historical record is never closed. Who knows what further ghosts may still emerge from that grave?

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Hitler and Hess in Berlin in 1932 - the Führer's archive covers the years from the "struggle for power" to 1945. Right: Martin Bormann (top) and Hitler's pilot Hans Baur - Bormann's handwriting helps to authenticate the diaries, and a casual remark by Baur set a researcher on their trail. Goebbels: he criticized Hitler in his absence.







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# FRANCE'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL

If you want a government which will take a strong anti-Soviet line, emphasize solidarity with the United States, increase defence spending, particularly on nuclear weapons, even when other programmes are being cut, and have little or no trouble with public opinion, what should you do? Answer: (1) leave Nato; (2) elect a Socialist-Communist coalition government.

A word of caution, though. It may be advisable to have a seven-year pause between stage one and stage two. Also, the formula has so far been applied in only one country, whose people have many exceptional qualities, not least among them *le goût du paradoxe*. Its success in more humdrum, literal-minded countries cannot be guaranteed. Meanwhile the feats performed by President Mitterrand and his defence minister, M Charles Hernu, continue to arouse the envy of conservatives and the perplexity of fellow-socialists almost everywhere outside the Hexagon - a phrase which the French use to describe the shape of their country, not of their defence ministry.

This week the French cabinet approved a five-year military spending programme - something more than a white paper, since once approved by parliament it will have the force of law. It provides for an increase in defence spending of eleven per cent in real terms over the period 1984-1988, and so for a small increase in the percentage of the gross national product allocated to defence: from 4.2 to over 4.3, using Nato criteria.

M. Hernu's plans are so ambitious that experts are wondering whether such an increase can really be enough to finance them all. He proposes to modernize France's nuclear arsenal, both strategic and tactical, and to undertake a complete reorganization of her conventional land forces.

Under the former heading, the navy will get its sixth nuclear-powered submarine armed with strategic thermonuclear missiles in 1985, and in 1988 will begin building the first of a new generation of strategic submarines, to come into service in 1994. The fleet of nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarines, two of which are already in service, is to be raised from five to eight; and a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier should be in service by the mid-1990s.

The air force will be equipped with intermediate-range ("stand-off") air-to-ground rockets and also in due course with the "SX", a mobile land-based strategic missile. While the missile is replacing the obsolete Mirage IV strategic bomber, but logically should also eventually replace the S3 strategic missiles on the plateau d'Albion, which are in fixed silos and therefore theoretically vulnerable to a pre-emptive strike.

Similarly, the army by 1992 is to start replacing its Pluton tactical nuclear missiles with the "Hades" (the French have a gift for the nomenclature of error), a mobile missile with a range two and half times as great, which could be equipped with neutron warheads if M Mitterrand decides to develop them. Whether he does or not, he will continue to face awkward political questions about the deployment and targeting of tactical nuclear weapons. Even with a range of nearly two hundred miles, they must either be deployed in Germany or fired at targets in Germany (East or West) and probably both.

Likewise the conventional land forces have to be prepared to fight in Germany - something that is more easily acceptable to German public opinion. Here M. Hernu's concern is to widen the range of military options available to the French government by constituting a "force d'action et d'assistance rapide" (FAAR), fifty thousand strong, which can be deployed either in Europe or overseas. The price of this will be a reduction of 22,000 in the overall strength of the army - less than had been feared but enough to keep alive the anxiety of those critics who fear that France is accentuating the West's unhealthy dependence on nuclear as opposed to conventional forces (especially as France's nuclear weapons, being independently targeted, make no direct contribution to the security of her allies). The fact that even so only thirty per cent of the new investment will go into nuclear weapons is a reminder that the latter are, in essence, a form of defence on the cheap.

Much of the expenditure, no doubt, will be absorbed by the development of new helicopters and the new AMX battle tank. It is not clear how far the French are relying on West German cooperation to finance these projects. Some critics believe that heavy investment in tanks could prove an expensive anachronism, and that the future lies with lighter weapons. Without prejudging the outcome of that argument, among experts, one can say that France and West Germany show good sense in seeking to pool their resources for the development of new conventional weapons. There should be scope for more bilateral or multilateral projects involving Britain as well.

# SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM

Thanks to those exemplars of Victorian values who, Brougham said, "hate the Established Church more than they love education", Britain had to wait until the twentieth century before a universal publicly-provided system of schooling was introduced. Unlike the churches in France and Germany, the denominations in nineteenth-century Britain prevented the growth of a national system. An important result was that the English middle classes had no schools of their own. They turned to the classical public schools and founded a tradition of private education based on the aristocratic principles of the Clarendon schools and their cheaper imitators. School became a touchstone of social and economic advancement in France, by comparison, it was *famille* but rarely *école* (unless a *grande école*).

Ahead, private education grew mainly as an ecclesiastical response to state secularism. In the countries of the European Community, private education is predominantly confessional. This fact vitiates a not very credible attempt this week by the Independent Schools Information Service - no slouch at the techniques of opinion guidance - to argue that Britain has a smaller proportion of children being educated privately and to use that assertion as a springboard for demands for state aid

and protection. In a pamphlet produced by a distinguished former headmaster, Mr Peter Mason, of Manchester Grammar School, there are some unhappy elisions.

The missing dimension is the still fierce commitment in Continental countries to church-governed education. In France, about 95 per cent of all private schools are Roman Catholic; many were established during the Third Republic and reflect in some measure the virulence of anti-clericalism in that era; on the one side, and the Church's hatred of the secular politics of the Revolution, on the other. In West Germany, some 310,000 of the 540,000 children in private schools are in Catholic establishments: in other words, the lay private sector in that country represents barely two per cent of the total.

Private schools in England and Wales take six per cent of children, but only a small number are Roman Catholic. For - the spirit of Maynooth updated - the religious compromise set out in the 1944 Education Act has been remarkably successful; through "voluntary-aided status", it has allowed the Roman Catholic schools a full measure of diocesan participation, along with a just measure of state support and incorporation within necessary planning procedures, while Church of

England schools were able to settle for a status that provided for more public funding and less clerical influence. This is illustrated by the position of the Roman Catholic teachers' colleges, which are among the country's best. The fact that Catholic parents have no tradition of seeking "private" provision, yet have been able to insist on confessional schooling.

The private schools have a case to make loud and clear. Indeed, they have a duty to rebut the wilder allegations flung their way by Mr Neil Kinnock and other Labour Party spokesmen, who imply that private education is uniquely responsible for Britain's social divisions and economic malaise. But does the Independent Schools Joint Council want the inspection and political interference that must inevitably follow a programme of state grants?

Private schools have a right to demand security of tenure, but beyond that, there must be doubt about any new moves to redirect public spending, either to parents through assisted places, or straight to schools. Such moves all too readily look like means of easing the burden of fees for affluent parents - or easing the consciences of liberal-minded headmasters, embarrassed at the high concentrations of their pupils at Oxbridge, the Bar, the House of Commons, the Civil Service and the City.

# SURVIVAL TEST FOR SOTHEBY'S

Most of Sotheby's staff seem agreed that to be owned and run by Mr Marshall Cogan and Mr Stephen Swid would destroy the company as they know it and take pride in it. Even if their assessment of the Americans who have launched a takeover bid for the company is wrong-headed, their conclusion is now probably correct. For Sotheby's is only as good as art auctioneering as its team of experts, and the best of them are virtually committed to leaving the firm if the takeover goes through.

Two questions need to be asked at this stage of the takeover battle. Is Sotheby's so important a national institution that its survival really matters to Britain? And, can it be saved? Sotheby's style of doing business in its years of prosperity had many critics. Extracurricular activities such as launching a cigarette called "Sotheby's" or acting as art investment adviser to the British Rail Pension Funds were considered of questionable morality. The firm tended arrogantly to steamroller little clients in their pursuit of the big fish, while their accent on publicity and showmanship led many buyers to burn their fingers in the art market. Despite the ballyhoo, Sotheby's attracted and retained a team of experts of outstanding

quality in fields ranging from Chinese porcelain to Impressionist pictures, violin bows to Medieval manuscripts. It was on these men and women that Sotheby's success was built. And Sotheby's success is in large part responsible for Britain's dominant role in the world art market.

Art dealing and auctioneering is one field of business in which Britain has excelled since the second world war. Throughout, Sotheby's has led the way. By demonstrating that major works of art could be sold by public auction, as an alternative to the private deal, Sotheby's began to attract art collections to London for sale from around the world. Some of the business was attracted to Christie's, and London dealers, who found themselves at the centre of the action, grew in number and expertise. In a second phase Sotheby's pioneered the idea of holding sales abroad and entered the American market by buying Park Bernet, New York's main art auctioneering firm; Christie's and Phillips followed Sotheby's to America and in their train a number of European art dealers have opened up in New York. The American art market has to a significant extent been fashioned by Sotheby's.

This is an extraordinary achievement for a British firm and it has had tangible results in the form of foreign currency earnings for Britain. The market is now so well established that it can probably survive without Sotheby's. Nevertheless, the collapse of the giant would send out waves rather than ripples.

This Sotheby's survival in its present form matters to Britain, but is it still possible? A succession of miscalculations by the existing board and senior management have put this very much in doubt. They have allowed the internally owned shareholding to run down to only 17 per cent, thus leaving themselves open to predators, and turned away more acceptable purchasers because they did not foresee this bid. The bid price of 520p per share appears to overvalue Sotheby's as a business as far as its prospects for the next five years can now be assessed. It is likely that a majority of the shareholders will accept the offer, though not the 90 per cent the Americans say they are looking for. By the first closing day of May 4, Sotheby's best chance of survival now seems to lie with persuading Mr Cogan and Mr Swid that they cannot make a go of it and should pull out.

# Preserving jobs at Ravenscraig

From the Director of the British Iron and Steel Consumers' Council

Sir, Why do you present the scheme for BSC to supply slabs from Ravenscraig to the USA as simply one which will destroy 2,000 jobs in Scotland, as in your main news item today (April 20)?

The reality is that at present, by Government edict, 4,000 jobs are being retained in Scotland to do the work which could be done more economically in South Wales, at a cost to the taxpayer estimated by Mr Jenkin, the Secretary of State for Industry, at £100m a year.

That Government decision could also result in new investment at Port Talbot being held up. (Under the European Commission's state aids code, which the Government has strongly supported, new investment has to be offset by reductions in capacity elsewhere.) This is vitally needed if BSC is to become more cost competitive, meet steel users' increasingly exacting quality requirements and be able to provide secure employment for its workers in South Wales in the future.

The Ravenscraig "slabs for the USA" scheme would help to solve all those problems. It would provide secure employment for 2,000 men in Scotland, additional work to South Wales and profits to BSC. By allowing the closure of surplus rolling mill capacity in Scotland, it would remove the obstacle to European Commission approval of new investment at Port Talbot. The £100m of taxpayers' money saved could also be used for badly needed new infrastructure investment, creating demand for labour in steel and many other industries.

If BSC are prevented from getting the job, no doubt its competitors elsewhere in the world would be happy to oblige US Steel. Is that what we want? Yours faithfully, J. F. SAFFORD, Director, British Iron and Steel Consumers' Council, 16 Berwyn Road, Richmond, Surrey, April 20.

# Sir Harold and 'Trots'

From Sir Harold Wilson, FRS, MP for Hutton (Labour)

Sir, I should like to correct one or two passages in the report in your issue of April 20, of my reply to questions at an informal press conference in Moscow, and my references there to the Trotskyist threat.

My decision not to stand again is not new and has nothing to do, as your piece seems to suggest, with Trots in Hutton. The constituency Labour Party there has consistently kept the extreme left-wing faction in check. During the last general election I stated publicly that the 1979 contest would be my last in the constituency - on the assumption that the result of the election at national level would be to send to Westminster a viable government majority, capable of surviving for a full parliamentary term. Mrs Thatcher's victory made it clear that this would be the case.

On two occasions, one quite recent, when a left-wing faction attempted a takeover, the constituency party reacted vigorously and successfully resisted the left-wing bid. My successor as prospective candidate was responsible on both occasions for motions which defeated the left wing's manoeuvre by a substantial and unchallengeable majority. Yours sincerely, HAROLD WILSON, House of Commons, April 21.

# Buying British

From Mrs Julia Draper

Sir, Some supermarkets are selling products under their name which, on close examination, of the package turn out to be foreign. Recent purchases of mine include chocolates and matches where the country of origin is shown in small print and in an inconspicuous place. Lately, I bought some artificial flowers thinking that they had been made here as the labels had what seemed to be a British trade mark and a telephone number in this country, but to my astonishment, almost hidden and invisible, were the words, "Made in Hongkong". Shoppers who wish to buy British - beware! Yours faithfully, JULIA DRAPER, 16 Southover High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, April 17.

# Aid to Third World

From Mr James Murphy

Sir, Professors Bauer and Yamey, authors of "Why we should close our purse to the Third World" (feature, April 11), have demonstrated - once again - an almost obsessive enthusiasm for discrediting official development assistance to the Third World. Over the years, Professor Bauer has indeed made this intellectual idiosyncrasy into a new economic discipline all its own. I feel your readers should be urged not to take the professors' premises, arguments or conclusions at face value, nor should they believe that their motives in seeking to break out confidence in aid are totally academic in character. Their pursuit of the facts may appear to be objective, but underneath they are convinced ideologues with a particular vision of how things are and how things ought to be. Not for the first time, Bauer and Yamey have managed to write an article on development in which not one solitary shred of sympathy or concern is expressed for those hundreds of millions of people facing

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Virtues of a fixed parliamentary term

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, Mr Denis Young in his amusing letter (April 21) is correct in saying that the election of a Parliament for a fixed term would not avoid what he calls "election fever". Experience in the United States, where there is an election every two years for part of the legislature, demonstrates the inevitably rather stultifying effect of the run-up to the poll. But fixed term Parliaments would at least avoid the uncertainty and speculation which to the detriment of markets and exchange rates, etc. increasingly attend the present system.

Moreover a fixed term (which in my own opinion should not be for less than five years) would spare us some of the evident hypocrisy we are having to endure in the current political dialogue. Under our existing constitutional arrangements the Prime Minister of the day has always had to decide when it is in the public interest to hold an election. It is not quite, as Mr Ian Harvey (April 21) rather deprecatingly puts it, that "party activists" think that national and party interests coincide. It is that one can, I hope, safely postulate that any Prime Minister sincerely believes that the policy being pursued by his/her Administration is in fact in the best interest of the country. Nobody can doubt that the

present Prime Minister passionately believes this, however much others with equal sincerity believe the opposite. And in the present intractable conditions confronting the world every responsible politician knows that at least two parliamentary terms are needed before any particular policy can hope (if ever) to achieve its aims.

It follows that it is the duty of the Prime Minister of the day to select what appears to be the most opportune moment for securing a renewal of the current mandate. Mr Foot's proposal manifesto itself indicates more than one term for its fulfilment.

To talk of "cutting and running" in these circumstances is sheer cant. Mr Foot knows better. He and I have in the past supported governments which have selected what they thought to be the most opportune time for seeking a renewal of their mandates. And no doubt will do so again. The attribution of personal insincerity and the growing hypocrisy which seems to characterize political dialogue nowadays devalues politics and insults the intelligence of the electorate. Yours faithfully, HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, Morgan House, 1 Angel Court, EC2, April 22.

## Pensions parity

From Mr Peter Tanner

Sir, Your Labour Correspondent reported today (April 19) that "Firemen, with the police, have been told that from the beginning of next month their contributions to index-linked pensions will be increased by 4 per cent". I wish to point out that police pensions contributions were increased by this amount with effect from September 1, 1982. The firemen's pensions scheme is, in almost every respect, analogous with ours and the most recent costing undertaken by the Government Actuary, confirms that it is just as costly as the police scheme.

The Police stressed that such a right could not be given to the police, but said that we should not be treated less favourably because of our lack of industrial muscle.

It will be interesting to see whether, at the end of the day, there is parity of treatment between the police and the firemen. Yours faithfully, PETER TANNER, Secretary, Police Federation of England and Wales, 15-17 Langley Road, Surbiton, Surrey, April 19.

## Desirable residence

From Mr R. A. Noakes

Sir, In 1885 the Bey of Tunisia presented to her Majesty Queen Victoria a beautiful villa for the use of HM Consular Representative. The house had a large garden and its own railway station, which was afterwards renamed Consulat Anglais. When Tunisia became independent in 1956 the first Tunisian Ambassador appointed to London reminded us that our embassy residence was a gift from the Bey and broadly hinted that he might be found a suitable residence in London. Alas, in spite of efforts made on his behalf, he was only presented with a silver dish for his dining room! Yours sincerely, R. A. NOAKES, (Sometime HM Consul, Tunisia), The Barn Cottage, Dean, Oxford, April 15.

## Flight of fancy

From Captain R. Hamilton

Sir, Mr Teagle's suspicions today (April 19) must be well founded. The BBC Unnatural History Unit works hard at Cambridge, not only at unimpaired birchong (the may recall George the gamekeeper describing the cry of a vixen as the bark of "an old dog fox"). Another team whose skill is vital to the Everyday Story is the Unseasonable Weather Department, busy giving the village a climate akin to that of Camelot. Earlier this year, when the whole of England and Wales had been frost-free for weeks, the ingenious George was programmed with repeated exclamations of "By eck, it's freezing out there!". At the same time, Caroline tugged at our heartstrings with news of a duck frozen into the village pond (a symptom, no doubt, of frost so sudden and so intense as to merit a mention in *The Guinness Book of Records*). This week, while *Ambridge* worthies are reveling in the mild spring sunshine, the unfeeling BBC Travel Unit is reporting roads blocked by snow in the Midlands.

For cold reality? Like today's weather, the latter is waiting for us outside the front door. Yours faithfully, ROGER HAMILTON, West Dean, Salisbury, Wiltshire, April 19.

## Eating squirrels

From Professor T. F. Hewer

Sir, I see in today's (April 15) article by your Agricultural Correspondent on the danger of a population explosion of grey squirrels that on a similar occasion in the 1970s "there were even suggestions that the animals should be killed and eaten." For many years my family and I have considered grey squirrels a delicacy and we eat all that I kill. There is no need to skin more than the abdomen and hind legs, admittedly rather difficult and needing a sharp knife, after hanging for a few days. The back, hind legs and liver are baked in a pan, covered preferably with one or two rashers of bacon and some sprigs of thyme. They are as good as game birds and much more palatable than rabbits. Yours faithfully, T. F. HEWER, Vine House, Henbury, Bristol, Avon, April 15.

# Respect for Argentinian dead

From Mrs Janet Williams

Sir, Should we not feel ashamed that our Government is putting such obstacles in the way of bereaved families wishing to visit the graves of their sons in the Falklands? If we accept the importance of the recent visit so carefully arranged for the families of the British dead how can we on humanitarian grounds deny the same facility to bereaved Argentine families?

Surely the Government cannot seriously suspect that the tab we have seen on TV which has been acquired to take the Argentine families to the Falklands would present any kind of threat to the islanders or their defenders? As to refusing the families' wish to be accompanied by the media and to be seen by the world to be mourning their dead, might it not do far greater international credit to the British position over the Falklands to be seen to be magnanimous in victory than to be seen to be mean and heartless. Think again, Mr Pym. Yours faithfully, JANET WILLIAMS, 58th Camden Square, NW1, April 21.

From Mr A. R. Wood

Sir, There must be a number of ex-servicemen of the 1939-1945 war who have been casting their minds back to those years as they remembered old comrades in arms who were Argentinians. For myself I mind a number of Fleet Air Arm pilots who were not only British uniforms with pride but also shoulder flashes with the name of their country. It was no surprise to me that younger generations of their countrymen flew with skill and courage in the recent conflict. Is there now no sense of chivalry by which we will insist that the graves of their dead may be visited by relatives? Yours faithfully, A. R. WOOD, High Willows, Bentsbrook Park, North Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey, April 21.

From Mr C. P. de Fonseca

Sir, Would not the most magnanimous approach to this matter be for the Royal Navy to search whatever ship they travel in and escort it to the islands and allow the visit to the cemetery under supervision? The effect of such a gesture, especially if the ship was under the Argentinian flag, on the international community, would be most favourable to Britain. Yours faithfully, C. P. DE FONSECA, 10 Glendevon Road, Whitechurch, Bristol, April 21.

## In praise of BR

From Professor Kenneth Robinson

Sir, Yesterday afternoon, I boarded the 2.50 train at Paddington on my way to Kingham and put on the seat my umbrella, night-stop bag and one of those black plastic bags the London Library supplies to its members, full of London Library books. I then realised that I had no ticket and went to buy one. There was, of course, as there always is nowadays, a crowd at the booking office and I returned only in time to see the train disappearing. Just after 7 pm I received a telephone call from British Rail, Wolverhampton, to tell me that a kind fellow passenger had taken my belongings to the lost property office there, and this morning a telephone call from Kingham Station to say that they had a parcel for me. My bits and pieces had been impeccably packaged and returned to my nearest railway station.

It is easier by far to publicise commuters' horror stories than those, like this, which show a very different picture of railway staff, so I hope you will find room for this word of appreciation. Yours etc, KENNETH ROBINSON, The Old Rectory, Church Westcote, Kingham, Oxford, April 15.

## Message of 'Gandhi'

From Professor Brian Holmes

Sir, Without wishing to detract from Sir Richard Attenborough's magnificent and duly recognised achievement as director of the film *Gandhi*, I consider his reported remarks (April 13) when he received his Oscars, on Gandhi as a man of peace, naive. Webb Miller's *I Found No Peace*, which I read as a very young man, persuaded me that in pursuit of a worthy political cause, Gandhi not only provoked confrontation but intended to do so in the knowledge that without it his campaign would not succeed. His message has certainly been received and understood. The tactics of confrontation are implicit in "peaceful demonstration" today to achieve political ends. Only the restraint of those paid to maintain the peace prevents them from degenerating into violence. Yours etc, BRIAN HOLMES, 31 Freeprove Road, N7, April 15.

## Smoke signals

From Miss Sylvia Sobernheim

Sir, Battersea power station has rather less grace, style and elegance than an upturned kitchen table. I am dismayed that we are apparently to be lumbered indefinitely with its looming ugliness. Yours faithfully, SYLVIA SOBERNHEIM, 1 Gloucester Court, Swan Street, SE1, April 18.

a lifetime of deprivation, squalor and despair. Indeed, they maintain that it is wrong for the rich to feel guilty about the poor and to take action to end their plight. Professor Bauer has, moreover, firm views on why people are poor. It is, in his world, never because of exploitation or greed or insensitivity. As he says in his book *Equality, the Third World and Economic Detention*: "A disproportionate number of the poor lack the capabilities and inclination for economic achievement, and often for cultural achievement as well" (page 28). Aid, therefore, cannot by definition help them. Any bad undergraduate essay will parade selective or anecdotal evidence to defend a weak or biased thesis. It's time that the writings of Bauer and Yamey took on a more adult character. The simple fact is that while the aid record has admittedly been mixed over the years (although Europe did exceptionally well as an aid beneficiary in the post-war era) it still represents a critically important device for moving resources behind the attack on poverty. Many countries are the weaklings

to the international free market rat-race: they have few reserves to invest in rural production, infra-structural improvements or welfare services and they can expect little change from the commercial banks. Low income earners tend not to get big mortgages. Aid is for such economies *sine quo non*. Project aid success stories - modest perhaps in themselves but a godsend to the poor they benefit - are numerous and well documented and should not be cancelled out by the mention, made tedious through repetition, of those foolish prestige projects whose existence Bauer and Yamey think validate their own case. There is simply good aid and bad aid - the former difficult but absolutely vital to achieve. I hope that the Prime Minister will let wiser council prevail and ignore Bauer and Yamey's urgings. But then, given that Mrs Thatcher bestowed a peerage on Professor Bauer only a few months ago, one has her ear. Yours faithfully, JAMES MURPHY, 136 Agar Grove, NW1, April 18.





COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 22: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips...

Arshad, Mr Koichi Tsutsumi (Chargé d'Affaires, Japanese Embassy) and Mrs Tsutsumi, Sir Derek Dobson...

Fortnightly marriages

The Hon H. F. Charteris and Miss B. M. Desmons
The engagement is announced between Harold Charteris, younger son of Lord and Lady Charteris...

Dr S. J. S. Martin and Miss S. A. Campbell
The engagement is announced between Stephen, second son of the late Mr A. F. Martin...

Mr B. W. Waldron and Miss A. M. Brock
The engagement is announced between Brian Waldron, son of Mr and Mrs Francis Waldron...

Mr D. R. Webb and Miss L. Hancock
The engagement was announced in London on April 17 between David Rowan, son of Rowan and Anne Webb...

Mr G. F. J. Kennedy and Miss C. E. Styles
The engagement is announced between Gerard, only son of Mrs Terence Kennedy...

Mr J. M. Tonge and Miss R. E. Gurney-Champion
The marriage took place on April 16, 1983, at St George's Church, Arretton, Isle of Wight...

Canford School
Summer Term, which begins tomorrow, marks the school's diamond jubilee...

Bradfield College
Summer Term begins on Sunday, April 24. The school play will be 'You Like It'...

Cranborne Chase School
Summer Term began on April 20 and ends on July 13. There will be a Crichel Day on May 14...

Wycliffe College
Boards return tomorrow. Term ends on Wednesday, July 3. Half Term begins on Friday, May 27...

Birthdays
TODAY: Mr Malcolm Anson, 59; Archbishop M. G. Bowen, 53; Lord Carew, 78...

TOMORROW: Mr Ralph Brown, 55; Field Marshal Lord Curzer, 68; Mr Justice Caulefield, 69...

John Prickett
Citizens of two kingdoms

Those of faiths other than Christian or of none often express astonishment that Christians do not take the Sermon on the Mount more seriously...

According to conventional ecclesiastical wisdom this new world man is expected to face both ways. In his individual personal relationships he is urged to show universal love...

OBITUARY
SIR HAROLD EVANS
Public relations at 10 Downing Street

Sir Harold Evans, Bt, CMG, OBE, who was chief public relations adviser at 10 Downing Street from 1957 to 1964, serving throughout Mr Harold Macmillan's time as Prime Minister...

Memorial service

A memorial service for Mr J. K. Swire was held yesterday at St Helen's, Bishopsgate. The Rev Robert Howarth officiated...

Reception

HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a reception held yesterday at Edinburgh House...

Diners

Royal Society of St George
Sir Victor Fuchs, president of the Royal Geographical Society, and Lady Fuchs were guests of honour at the eve of St George's Day dinner...

Service dinners

British Forces Cyprus
A guest night was held yesterday at the British Forces Cyprus Officers' mess, Episkopi, to dine in Major-General Russell Langley's presence...

Church news

The Rev J. M. R. G. West, Northwood, has been elected to the vacant position of Rector of St Andrew's Church, Northwood...

University news

The following have been elected fellows of King's College: Mr L. T. Doolan, School of Theology...

SIR RONALD CAMPBELL

The Rt Hon Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, PC, GCMG, CB, who had a distinguished diplomatic career in the Second World War and was British Ambassador in Egypt during Anglo-Egyptian negotiations...

ABDULLAH ENTEZAM

Sir Denis Wright writes: Abdollah Entezam, who died last month in Tehran, aged 87, was Iranian Minister for Foreign Affairs from 1952-56...

Latest wills

Latest estates include (not, before tax):
Ballynure, Mr Robert, of Dore, Sheffield, £243,423

FRIENDS IN NEED ARE FRIENDS IN DEED
In times of need friends make all the difference - as you know, or have heard, from your ageing relatives or friends. We have been caring for the old and needy since 1905.

Services tomorrow: Third Sunday after Easter
ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HC: 8.45 and 10.30. Morning and Evensong. The Lord is with us...

Correction
Mrs Anne Wall was received by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street on Wednesday, July 3. It is regretted that she was referred to on the Court page on Thursday as Mrs Michael Wall.

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2, 3 Travel: Iceland's quiet culture and spectacular wilds; walking the byways of historic York

4 Values: Pools, patios and barbecues; In the Garden: Roses; Drink: Appetite sharpeners

# THE TIMES Saturday

5 Collecting oriental carpets; Review: Rock records of the month; Theatre and Galleries

7, 8 Music and Films, The Week Ahead, Bridge, Chess, Family Life on reading for children

23-29 APRIL 1983 A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

This is the urban jungle and you, the cyclist, are the prey; a succulent meal on wheels for all those bloodthirsty, speed-crazed products of an internal-combustion society whose one ambition in life is to have you for breakfast. Tony Samstag and David Altheer offer down-to-earth advice on what it costs to equip yourself against the enemy and the elements and roam free

# CYCLE SURVIVAL

So you are going to buy a bicycle for commuting, shopping trips and weekends. You are really going to save money, as well as get fit, aren't you? Well, yes, but if you do as so many do, and just buy a used three-speed model for £30, you will discover it does not quite work out that way. At worst, you will become a statistic among the 300 or so cyclists who die on British roads every year, or the 25,000-odd injured; at best, you will find it might have been wiser to buy a bus pass.

A much-riden bike can break down more often than a church auction lawn-mower and hit your pocket harder than a wallet full of one pound coins. The tyres will probably be worn beyond a thread and, unless you get a kick out of fixing punctures, will have to be replaced. A good set will cost between £2.60 and £4.60 a tyre, and the tubes £1.50 to £2. Modern tubes, by the way, are made of butyl, which is supposed to be more airtight than rubber. Unfortunately, this means also that puncture patches do not stick as easily as on the old type.

The bike being old, the saddle is likely to give you a hard ride. After your first aching week, you will be wanting to lay out between £4.60 and £13.70 on a new seat. And once you are sitting comfortably, you will want to stop comfortably: new brake blocks will cost between 60p and £2 a pair.

But let me be optimistic and suppose your bargain bike is a transport of delight, and you have been converted to the joys of cycling. Wonderful, but I'm sorry, there is a black cloud overhead: and as soon as it bursts over you, you are going to have to open your wallet once more.

do no better than the so-called lollipop - an extendable reflector which costs £1.20. It truly does make the motorists keep his distance - for fear, I think, that it may scratch his beloved vehicle.

A bright sash is helpful. I cannot stand the fustiness of the shoulder-and-waist type so I searched mail-order ads until I found a shoulder-only model - but it cost me an excessive £4.75. Good, too, are reflective anklestraps. Forget reflective trouser-chaps: the two pairs I bought were too loose to wear. Instead spend £1.24 on a two-way reflector to fit in your front wheel and improve your hike's visibility in profile.

Of course, you cannot get by with reflectors only. Lights are essential. My choice has been a hub dynamo set (harder to steal), which cost me about £20, plus battery lights, necessary because dynamos stop when the bike stops. Slightly lighter than the hub dynamo is the type that fits under the bottom bracket where thieves may not notice it. Cost, with lamps, £15.50.

The best battery lights are the French-made Wonderlights which cost £7.60 for the whole set - possibly cheaper in street markets - and can be detached when you park, before thieves can get hold of them.

The spending does not stop at that. Bikes always come with one rear reflector, but one is not enough. Another, of a good size, will cost £1.10 to £1.50. A front reflector is something the Americans seem to have popularised - it is available here for a similar price.

Despite all precautions, some motorists still come too close, and some pedestrians think that 200lb of bike and rider cannot hurt them. You need a bell. Most British bells fall to bits or lose their tinkle after about three months on a handlebar, so if you can, buy yours on a weekend trip to Holland or France. Failing that, buy an English bell every three months for 60p a time.

You also have to see behind you. Many types of mirror are available, but only one works well: the Mirrycle. At £5.85, mirrycle it ain't but it ain't bad.

Now that you can venture more conspicuously on to the Queen's highways and cycle paths you need to keep your bike in top condition. First, a pump. If you have Schrader valves you can fill your tyres at a service station, but it is dangerous because it can explode the tyres. A pump with attachment will cost £1 to £2.15. If you have the less strenuous Presta valves, a pre-set pressure pump will cost at least £7.95.

Bicycle books always speak dauntingly of maintenance being carried out every month. I prefer to have my bicycle overhauled at a repair shop every six months, but you may prefer to do it yourself. In which case, you must dip in to your pocket yet again. A tool kit will cost about £10.

Motorcyclists are legally obliged to wear helmets; bicyclists are wanting them more and more. My Bell helmet cost me \$35 while on holiday in San Francisco. It looks silly but if it prevents my head being crushed in a crash I'll be smiling. A cheaper alternative is the Brancale, available in Britain for £11.75.

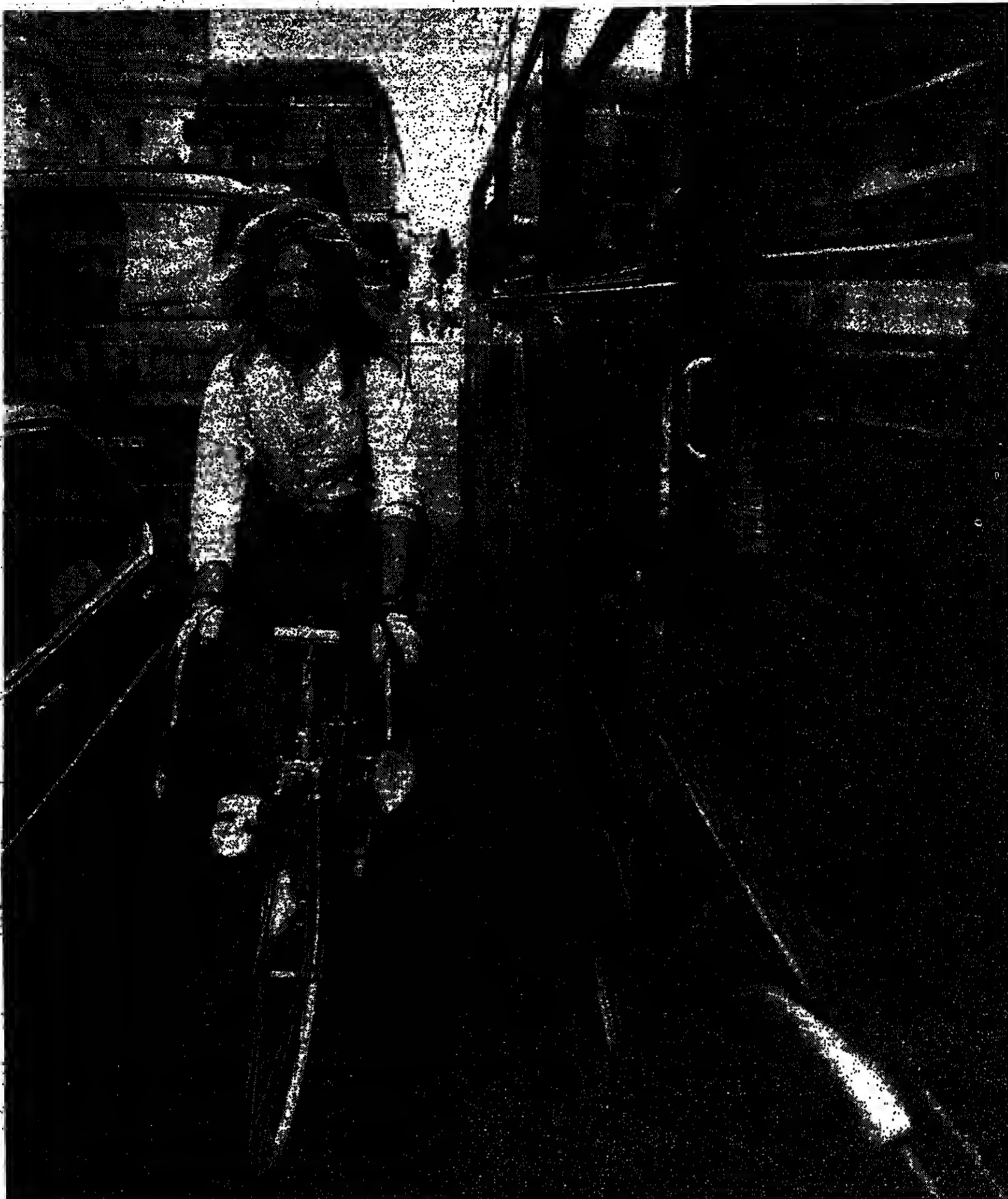
One extra with little to do with safety, but which you must have, is a basket. The wicker baskets favoured by Sloane Rangers look stylish but tend to sag and may eventually push your front mudguard on to the wheel. So buy a detachable plastic-covered basket, £4.80, or a fixed rear basket.

Plastic-wire baskets may make your bike look like a high-speed supermarket trolley, but around town they are far more practical for slipping things in and out of than panniers, which are also far dearer - about £28.

As above, light frame: Ten-speed derailleurs, heavy or light? The first two types invariably have upright handlebars, but don't be too snooty about them. They are fine in traffic, particularly when you have to keep your balance and change gears while turning. The last three will have drop handlebars: (although you can have upright fitted) and are also available with a mixed frame, ie, the crossbar is low enough to enable the rider to wear a skirt but not so low as to make the bike unstable.

A folding bike is handy for carrying on trains or being stored in a small flat or office, but harder to propel than a large-wheel bike. A good model costs £80 to £170. The three-speed, weighing in at around a hefty 41lb, is the least trouble mechanically because the gears are sealed and require only regular oiling and one second's simple adjustment now and then. The heavy, wide-rimmed wheels cope well with town and country potholes; the disadvantages are a bumpy ride and heavy going on hills. Cost: £95 upwards.

You will get faster up hills, and on flat stretches, with a five-speed bike. A heavy frame and forks model - cost about £80 - may cruise happily through potholes but you will still be passed by a five-speed



## Maiden voyages among the fallen knights

I knew about punctures and I was ready for rain - but nobody told me about the sexual hazards facing the female cyclist in a big city. In fact, I had thought that on two wheels I would leave wolf-whistlers, bottom-pinchers and worse standing.

How wrong I was. Having ridden in London for two years I can reveal that it can seem like a sexual jungle, with more than a few naked apes lying in wait.

In the beginning, I admit, I was a little naive. Every day on my five-mile pedal through north London to work I used to pass a group of road-workers and quite happily wave to them when they whistled at me. It seemed a cheery way to start the day, so much so that one day after I had been sick they shouted: "Missed you yesterday."

Other reactions from males were not so pleasant. At the age of 33, I have been astonished at the men who think a woman on a bike is open to all sorts of suggestions. Pedestrians have yelled at me across the street, motorists have leaned out of windows to pinch me during the rush hour and one wince went slipped me his visiting card while we waited for lights to change.

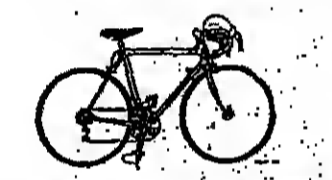
One of the joys of cycling is the rapport one feels with other bikers and I wish I could say that male cyclists behave perfectly towards women. I cannot. I do not know whether it is because I have a moderately fast machine - a 10-speed Claud Butler - but male cyclists are often unable to resist challenging me to race them. The old machismo, I suppose, and as such, harmless enough. But in heavy traffic, being pushed into a narrow space between kerb and cars is no joke.

That's not all, either. Male cyclists occasionally pass verbal judgment on the physical characteristics of female cyclists. The most maddening was one who patted me on the bottom as he passed me at speed, leaving me no chance to complain.

What can a poor maiden do? I refuse to modify my clothes, which could not be considered provocative and I certainly shall not go back to queuing for buses. No, I shall cultivate a repertoire of brilliantly witty replies to sexist comments.

But that may take some time. Meanwhile the more outrageous of the motorized MCPs will earn themselves a heavy thump on their car roofs when I can catch up with them. That should be a loud enough reply.

Rowena Bond



Many are the anti-rain measures on which cyclists splash out - ludicrous all-enveloping capes that turn the rider into a two-wheel tepee, aging mackintoshes that would disgrace Colombo, the unkempt television cop. £200 Burberrys with telltale smatterings of cycle grease, and more - but with one common feature: not one of them is guaranteed to keep you dry.

Therein lies the secret. Accept that you are going to get wet. Quite often. Beware of the much-quoted "statistic" that on average cyclists in England and Wales get wet on only nine journeys a year. Already since January 1, I have had seven drenchings.

So in the expectation of the occasional soaking, wear a pair of rough trousers and an old natural-fibre jacket (plastic "sweats" too much), keeping good trousers or a dress at your work-place. Or carry good clothes in a bag and change later. For cycling, I bought a tracksuit bottom for a fiver. The ultimate solution is a waterproof and condensation-free jacket and trousers. But the price! A "suit" in such a material costs £95.

The next problem is security. No matter how ugly your bike, it has steel-appeal, so get a good lock. You could spend £6.29 on a 6ft cable lock, pretty strong until a thief produces a pair of wire-clippers, or you could buy the U-bolt-type lock that makes bolt-cutters go blind. Cost: £18 but still cheaper than smothering your bike in a parking meter, or steel always hitch your bike where it will not inconvenience blind people.)

The next thing the novice cyclist notices is a kind of creeping paranoia. I say "kind of" because it is justified: motorists do hate cyclists, especially when they nip through rush-hour jams. The sensible pedaller reacts by showing how very safety-conscious he or she is.

Sometimes safety lies in deterrence and for that you can

## The almost free guide to free-wheeling

The hardest decision, however, is the bike itself. Buy second-hand if you insist, but have it checked thoroughly first - some bicycle shops will do this for a small fee - and fit it out with the items I have been describing. The total cost will come to much more than anyone will have told you, but you will be a safer and happier, David Altheer writes.

Hundreds of brands and models of bicycle are now available, but your first decision should be about what type is right for you. Do you want a bike with:

Small wheels, fold-up frame, Three-speed hub gear, heavy frame;

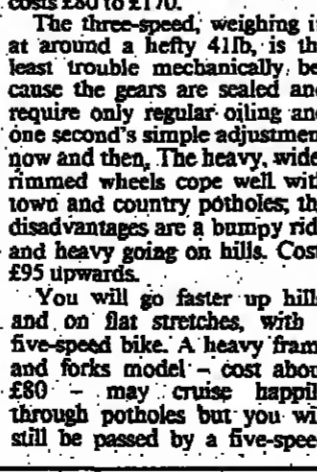
Five-speed derailleur gears, heavy frame;

As above, light frame; Ten-speed derailleurs, heavy or light?

The first two types invariably have upright handlebars, but

## The shaven-legged maniac

His head, with something nubby on it, is down; his knobby knees work like pistons, and the expression on his face (most often obscured by a beard) is ferocious to a degree, a grimace that is equally redolent of intense concentration and had breath. In other incarnations the self-same maniac, in the self-same anorak, might be found propping up some bar where real ale flows in thickens and the lowing of skittles is to be heard at eventide. He shaves his head and in extreme cases, oils them - because he has the less of a drag, aerodynamically speaking, which is about all he does speak. His reluctance to lose speed under any circumstances makes him an equal menace to motorists, other cyclists, and



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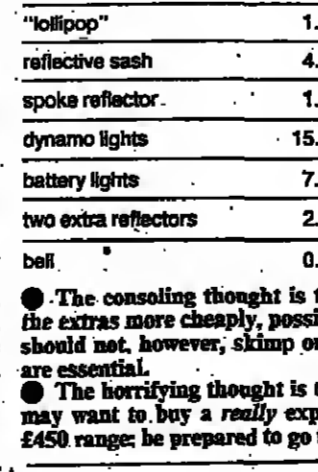
himself, his bad temper, total lack of a sense of humour and all-round boring dedication to his machine make him universally detested except among his own kind.

## The dashing young executive

He cuts a dashing, if demure, figure on his Bickerton or his Brompton, although (as he would be the first to admit) he really is rather old for this sort of thing. He is well dressed, usually greying at the temples, and sits on his preposterous construction bolt upright with that air of alert stupidity characteristic of certain breeds of dog. His pace is sedate, and he happily allows more competitive types to pass. He may have a rear-view mirror, thereby obviating the need for undignified head-swivelling at all that overtaking traffic, but safety devices are generally few and far between. The executive type took his cycle to the train in the boat of something expensive and powerful, like a BMW. Women

## The health and safety freak

To begin with, he wears a skid lid with a sort of whirling thing on top. Married to the whirling is this anoroid affair with lights winking on and off. A Sam Browne belt in go-faster fluorescent yellow contrasts with De-Glo red clips round the ankles. Young reflectors spin round attached to the spokes, and there is another sticking out perpendicularly, such as to leave its scratchy spoor along the side of any car careless enough to come within range. To the rear, where most people carry books, a steel spring clip holds a first aid box complete with date-stamped anti-tetanus vaccine. Overall is a highly visible vest, with macramé streamers appended. In a tailwind, they whistle. The principle is that of



## The health and safety freak

the poisonous frog in the rain-forest: if it were really good to eat, it would not be so obvious. Predators beware: this man is so frightened he might become violent.

## Table: Taking both extremes of bike, this is how the figures add up:

Basic three speed bicycle (or small-wheel fold-up)	£95	mirror	5.85
10-speed lightweight with drop handlebars	£160	pre-set pump	7.95
Extras:	£	tools	10.00
U-bolt lock	18.00	helmet	11.73
"lollipop"	1.20	basket (for 10-speed lightweight, rear carrier and basket necessary: £9)	4.80
reflective sash	4.75	Total extras	£91.62
spoke reflector	1.24	Total of basic bike with extras	£186.62
dynamo lights	15.50	Total extras for expensive bike	£95.82
battery lights	7.60	Total of expensive bike with extras	£282.44
two extra reflectors	2.20		
bell	0.80		

● The consoling thought is that you may be able to buy some of the extras more cheaply, possibly by mail order. In my opinion, you should not, however, skimp on the list for safety, the above items are essential.

● The horrifying thought is that if you get hooked on cycling, you may want to buy a really expensive bike. Start by looking in the £450 range; be prepared to go to £2,000.

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# Spirit of sagas haunts the wilderness



Godhafoss, the mighty "Falls of the Gods", thunder near Iceland's Arctic coast

Ten thousand miles from her South Atlantic base, the Arctic tern homes in on a city centre pond and starts building her nest. The newspaper says anglers on downtown bridges are taking salmon. Red and yellow raincoats appear on Langevegur Street among the soft browns and greys of the knitwear shops. It is springtime in Reykjavik. Those red and yellow raincoats (colours that Icelanders do not wear) indicate that the tourists are back again, seeking the freedom of the wilderness. This summer Iceland will receive fewer than 100,000, in winter, scarcely one.

If the ancients had known about Iceland they would have drawn up a different set of Wonders of the World - 77 perhaps, rather than seven, and all of them natural. But Iceland was not on the classical map. Ingolfur the Norseman, we are told, first set foot here in AD 870 following his drifting wooden gods to a landfall on "Smoky Bay" - but the real discovery happened 1,100 years later, when Iceland became a stopover for transatlantic flights, a crossroads of air travel.

Tin-roofed houses in pastel colours, a web of quiet narrow streets, a cathedral and parliament house the size of a parish church and a village hall respectively... Reykjavik still has only a precarious foothold on the exotic simplicities of the land. Search the newspaper to see what is on at the height of

the summer season and you are offered a choice between public readings from the sagas and a guided ramble over neighbouring rocks. If this is the capital city, what must the provinces be like?

But a land determined to hold on to something precious which other lands have lost must make sacrifices. And the whole country's population is less than that of Southampton. With its parks dotted with modern sculptures, its surrealistic glass-and-black-marble suburban villas, its innumerable one-person painting exhibitions and its summer music festival under the direction of Ashkenazy, who once chose to live here, Reykjavik is no cultural slum.

Unadorned-looking restaurants offer a sophisticated, expensive and authentically Icelandic cuisine: shrimp and lobster, dill-pickled salmon, smoked mutton, savoury shark, local caviare and skyr (creamy, sugary yoghurt). If around 8pm it looks as though the city has gone to bed, the long summer night, when for three months even the lighthouses are switched off, will bring it to life again. Those guided rambles start at 10pm, by which time the coffee bars on Langevegur are crowded and from the Klubberinn comes the sound of a prim disco.

Reykjavik is the obvious base for exploring Iceland's wonders. No trains, for this country is as railwayless as it is treeless, but a



Reykjavik, scene of saga readings, night rambles and Ashkenazy's summer music festival

harbour busy with shipping, an airport in the middle of the town and lightly trafficked boulevards radiating to the hinterland. How about a round-Island sea trip, touching at all the fjord-head villages, some of them 50 miles from the sea? Surprisingly there are no domestic passenger services. If you want to sail from one Icelandic harbour to another you must go via Copenhagen.

Reykjavik you can be at three great wonders in an hour or so: the patriotic fields of Thingvellir, the boiling fountains of Geysir, the thunder and falling spray of Gullfoss, the "Golden Falls".

One bus goes daily to Akureyri on the north coast, which has its own modest network of bus routes. A bus from Akureyri goes irregularly, on average three days a week, to Egilsstaðir in eastern Iceland; and Egilsstaðir's little rural network embraces Seydisfjörður, where the Faroese car-ferry comes in. Step by step you could make your way round Iceland in the bus in summer. Winter schedules are a different story.

You can hire a car - a rugged Lada, a VW Golf or, best of all, a Land Rover - in Reykjavik or Akureyri. An agreeable feature of road travel is that most vehicles you meet are British-made. But you cannot round up the wonders of Iceland in a day, or a week. Outside Reykjavik tarmac turns to gravel and you may not see tarmac again until you return to the capital.

In fact, while on the move you do not see much of anything. Dust quickly seals up the windows. The postal bus approaches in a cloud of grit and completes your camouflage with a deluge of mud. You must stop and wait for heavy vehicles to pass, to inch over plank bridges and maybe to remove their wing-mirrors and replace them "again" at single-track viaducts of astonishing narrowness. Road signs like "Many vehicles have been destroyed

attempting to ford this river" prompt you to revise the schedule. In rural Iceland it is something to boast of to have motored 100 miles in a day!

That means you require a farmhand to accomplish the task of Iceland, all round to coastline on a recently completed national highway. It will take longer if you are to make the most of the bird-hunted estuaries, the massive waterfalls, the hothouses and bubbling sulphur springs, the ice tunnels, the volcanoes harnessed to power stations (and the Japanese technicians who career down their slopes on motorized toboggans) and all the abounding diversions of the wilderness. Take Iceland at a rush and your broken springs condemn you to spend a day waiting for another car to come along and a week or more organizing the repair.

Flying with the domestic Fokker fleet is relatively painless. The aircraft serve toy landing-strips in the four corners of the land, even the once-inaccessible Westmann Islands to which the volcanic eruption of 1973 has brought a tourist development with guesthouse, cafes, cinema and sports centre. Day excursions by air from Reykjavik via Akureyri include Myvatn on the north coast, with a lunch stop at Godhafoss, the "Falls of the Gods", a wall-of-death circuit inside a volcanic crater and a trip to the northern outpost of Grimsey, which qualifies you for an Arctic Circle certificate. Air services and bus timetables are integrated to help tourists.

### Travel notes

The principal tour operators are Icelandair, Regent Holidays, Scamours, Sonictours and Twickenham Travel. A two-centre holiday from London costs £210 per week in youth hostels, £287 in hotels. Accommodation outside Reykjavik is usually of the superior hostel type or village tourist hotels adapted as summer tourist hotels. There is a 15-day Grand Tour by coach from £236 to £318. An "Air Passport", price £83, enables you to hop round Iceland from Reykjavik in your own time. Scamours offer a bus camping safari, eight days for £285 from London. One week's self-drive car hire, London-Reykjavik-London and one

night's accommodation for two people rises from £494 with a VW Golf to £729 with a Land Rover, extra passengers £148 each. Local bus fares average one krona (20p) for 80 miles. If you wish to take your own car, a new ferry starts operating at the end of May between Newcastle and Reykjavik, journey time 56 hours, passenger fare £118, the car travelling free if there are four occupants. Red Olsen Line are UK agents for the Faroese Icelandic Ferries service. The older car-ferry link between Scrabstar (Caitness) and Seydisfjörður is more expensive and less convenient and airfares return voyagers but you must spend four days in the Faroes. Regent Holidays are the UK agents. A first-class Reykjavik hotel charges between £32 and £44 per bed, bath and breakfast. A country hotel or guesthouse, summer only, including the flight, costs about £25.



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Medieval majesty on a tour of York

York is essentially a city to explore on foot. George VI aptly said that "the history of York is the history of England" and indeed within its Roman and medieval walls, which stretch for more than two miles, it has a more representative range of English architecture than any other city.

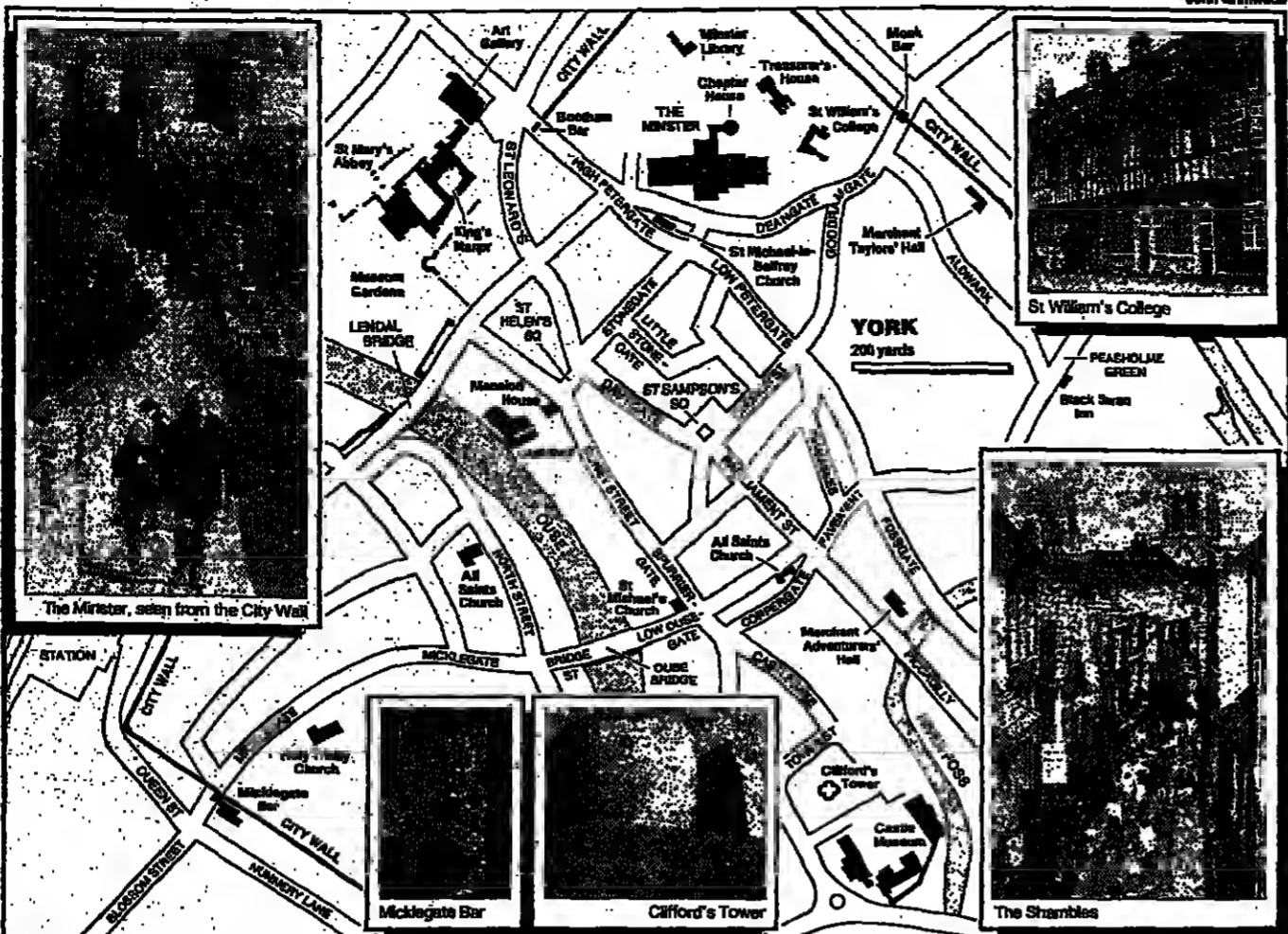
Micklegate Bar, with its fine Norman archway, makes a good starting point. It is one of the four main gateways, and stands at the south-western approach on the A64 from Leeds.

Micklegate, meaning in Old Norse "the history of York", was the main road towards the capital. It has several fine Georgian houses, some of which have been restored - like other buildings in York - under a town scheme; there has been an imaginative partnership between owners and the city council.

On the right in Micklegate lies Holy Trinity Church, once part of a great Benedictine priory, of which a portion can be seen by the chancel steps. There are still stocks in the churchyard. From here the medieval mystery plays began their performance, moving on to other sites within the city.

Most of the 48 plays are still performed against the ruins of St Mary's Abbey and are due to be enacted in June 1984. Micklegate leads into Bridge Street. Just before Ouse Bridge, take a left turn into North Street, where All Saints should not be missed. Its slender spire is a riverside landmark. Its fourteenth and fifteenth century glass is well worth the detour.

One of the delights of York - omitted from the official "mini-guide" and map - is St Michael's, whose entrance lies in Spurgate (the first main road left after Ouse Bridge). Its late twelfth century arcades and fine eighteenth century reredos give a sense of peace from the busy shopping streets outside. The glass includes part of a Jesse window in the south aisle. To the left lies Coney Street,



first recorded in 1153-58, which preserves the approximate line of a Roman road between the wall of the legionary fortress and the river Ouse. W. H. Smith's houses within it the structure of a former Georgian property - an interesting example of preservation. The splendid arms outside National Westminster at No 14 are those of the Becketts, a well-known York family. The Mansion House, built more than a decade before London's, lies at the end of this street. Its pilastered and pedimented facade show elegant proportions. It is the private home of the Lord Mayor.

Across St Helen's Square lies Stonegate, with oiled jewelry and porcelain shops. Notice the simple upper stories of No 18, the ship's figurehead on the corner of Little Stonegate, York's oldest pub, Ye Olde Starre-Inne dating from at least 1644, and Stonegate Devil squatting under the eaves at No 33 - a reminder of "printer's devils" who need to carry the type. The bible ever

of the door of No 35 indicates a former bookshop. Almost opposite York Minster, the city's pride, it is England's largest cathedral and indeed the most sizable medieval building in the country. Founded in 1220, it towers over the whole city. Its stained glass is beautiful, particularly the great east window and the "Five Sisters" window in the north transept which is mentioned in Dickens's *Nicholas Nickleby*. Do not miss one joy of the Minster's restoration, the Undercroft Museum which lies in the foundations and includes an early fourteenth century plaster mural.

The chapter house of the Minster is an architectural surprise. It is the central pillar. This substantial octagonal building has a conical-shaped roof, leaved on the outside and timbered inside. The carving by the door shows the Virgin treading down a dragon. Guy Fawkes (or Fawke in the

church register) was baptized in St Michael-le-Belfry in April 1570. This church lies in Paternoster, named after the patron saint of the Minster, St Peter, and Fawkes's parents lived over by. Bootham Bar, the only gate on the site of a Roman one, stands at the end of High Petergate. It makes a good point to ascend the walls. The view across the city between Bootham and Monk Bars is splendid. York's Art Gallery lies across from Bootham Bar. It has an interesting collection of Renaissance and post-Renaissance paintings, and houses examples by such local artists as Etty, Halfpenny and Prout.

Turning right out of the gallery is King's Manor, which played an important role in both Tudor and Stuart times. One room has a Tudor doorway, ornamental plaster frieze and great open fireplace. Now part of the University, it has a restaurant, open to the public on weekdays, with modest prices.

So many miss the Minster Library, formerly the thirteenth-century chapel of the Archbishop's Palace that stood in Dean's Park, and yet it is a splendid building. Its upper hall houses a permanent exhibition. The Treasurer's House lies near by; it dates largely from 1620. In 20 rooms there is fine period furniture, glass and china. Do try to see it again by candlelight. The National Trust arranges evenings of music in the drawing room and coffee in the great hall.

Close to it lies St. William's College, founded in the mid-fifteenth century to house Chantry priests of the Minster. In 1642 Charles I set up his printing press there and the Royal Mint during the Civil War. Homey food, with particularly good, varied salads, may be enjoyed in St William's Restaurant, and there are tables in the courtyard for outdoor meals in fine weather. Goodramgate, also in the vicinity, has many buildings which retain their timber

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Sorting out the mortgage maze while working abroad

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But the advent of Miras has made this consideration redundant in many cases. Until now, to obtain tax relief on mortgage interest, an expatriate had to have a source of income in the United Kingdom.

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The second alternative, keeping the house but leaving it empty for most of the time, also has an appeal. The house will be available for home leave, or when the going gets too tough abroad.

Being a landlord is still the best of the three options. At first sight, it may seem the choice most fraught with problems.



Expatriates' memories are made of this: a street scene in Jiddah and an old view of the Queen's Promenade at Kingston, Surrey

noticed in conjunction with a specific notice, to be acknowledged by the tenant, which declares that the landlord is an owner-occupier within the meaning of the 1977 Rent Act.

With this type of lease, there is no need to specify a repossession date, notice to quit can be given at any time so long as the notice given is at least as long as the period for which rent is collected.

It is, however, all very well having the property less but the tenant may still stay put until legally evicted.

Finding a good agent is the next big difficulty. Although there is an abundance of estate agents in this country, relatively few are renowned for their proficiency with rented property.

A good agent is well worth the fee he charges (commonly about 10 to 15 per cent of gross rent) as his duties should include selection of tenants, collection of rent and deposits, payment of bills, regular inspection of the property, preparation of accounts, and payment of income tax.

The last item brings up the other main worry - tax. If the rent is paid by the tenant to the overseas landlord, the tenant has to deduct 30 per cent of the gross rent and pay this to the Inland Revenue.

David Young

THE UNITED STATES DEBENTURE CORPORATION p.l.c.

Extracts from the Directors' Report Year ended 31st January, 1983

Table with 4 columns: Main Features, 1983, 1982, % Change. Rows include Gross Revenue, Net Assets, Earnings, Dividend, and Net Asset Value.

Dividend and Revenue

The receipt of dividend income was greater than we had anticipated and the after-tax revenue available for Ordinary Stockholders increased by 11.7% to £4,568 million (1982: £4,088 million).

As a result of these welcome increases in income we are pleased to recommend a final net dividend of 4.27p per ordinary stock unit making a total dividend for the year to 31st January, 1983 of 6.52p (1982: 5.92p) per ordinary stock unit.

Prospects in the current year for the growth of corporate profits in the United Kingdom and in the United States of America appear to be good with further increases expected in the receipt of dividend income.

Investments

The market value of the Company's investments grew to a record level of £137,793 million (1982: £111,395 million). This 23.7% rise compares with an increase of 19.4% in the Financial Times All Share Index and a 49.3% increase in the Standard and Poor's Composite Index.

We continued our policy of reducing investments in Canada and by the end of the Company's financial year these had been entirely extinguished and the proceeds invested in the United States of America where long term investment prospects are considered to be appreciably better.

United Kingdom

The principal changes we effected in our United Kingdom portfolio were as follows. We emphasised companies with a substantial export capability or overseas manufacturing presence.

United States of America

The most salient changes to our American portfolio were as follows. Energy stocks were further reduced and also other stocks closely allied to the energy industry.

reduction in the current year. Investments in the food manufacturing sector were further increased. This sector proved particularly resilient in the recession experienced last year.

Energy The adverse conditions which prevailed in the energy industries during the year led us to believe that not only would the shares of energy companies underperform, but also that their ability to increase their dividends might be affected.

Investment Policy and Summary Generally in these times of political uncertainty both in the United Kingdom and the United States of America it would seem prudent to continue to concentrate investments in senior stocks with proven management, strong balance sheets and the capacity to pay increasing dividends.

Whilst it remains our long term intention to increase investment in the United States of America to 40% of the Company, this may well take time to achieve due to the prevailing strength of the dollar against sterling.

We consider that the present threat to the international banking system will abate. We believe that international concern over oil price worries will diminish as the price of crude oil stabilises and it is perceived that the economies of the United Kingdom and the United States of America are net beneficiaries of cheaper energy.

The United Kingdom stock market is likely to become increasingly pre-occupied with the timing and result of the next general election and will inevitably place great emphasis on the opinion polls.

In summary there is sufficient evidence to suggest that the worst of the world recession is over. We believe that the recovery in the American economy will be at a faster rate than that of the United Kingdom.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained from: The Secretary, The United States Debenture Corporation p.l.c., Austral House, Basinghall Avenue, London EC2V 6DD.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts - Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 6% per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Monthly income account Natwest 9% per cent.

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 year Lambeth 9% per cent, 2-3 years Nottingham City 10% per cent, 4-5 years Knowsley 10% per cent, 6-10 years Worthing 11 per cent.

IT'S A SHREWD MAN WHO INVESTS IN A COUNTRY THAT'S BEEN HIT BY RECESSION. Advertisement for Barclays Unicorn America Trust.

Advertisement for Barclays Unicorn America Trust, detailing investment goals and benefits.

Form for Barclays Unicorn America Trust, including fields for name, address, investment type, and signature.

ARE YOUR SAVINGS EARNING YOU 12.28% NETT EQUAL TO 17.54% GROSS. Advertisement for a savings plan.

Advertisement for Homeowners Friendly Society, offering a savings plan with tax-free benefits.

Advertisement for Local authority yearling bonds, offering various interest rates.

The Fleming Mercantile Investment Trust PLC. Advertisement featuring a bar chart showing asset value, earnings, and dividend per share from 1979 to 1983.

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REVIEW Rock records of the month

Bowie's winning slice of spontaneous life

DAVID BOWIE Let's Dance EMI America AML 3029 ROBERT PALMER Pride Island LPs 9720 MAZE We Are One Capitol EST 12262

So here comes David Bowie, the born vanguard artist, swimming against the flow to proclaim a plague on all your synthesized, synthetic houses: make music personal, make it human, make it emotional, make it helpful, be as usual, Bowie's admirers reel back in awe when confronted by such audacity of imagination even though this is, of course, no closer to being an original idea than any of Bowie's earlier conceptions. It would be convenient to dismiss him once again as 'Let's Dance' were not such a terrific record. Bowie still hardly rivals Smokey Robinson or Charlie Rich in terms of emotional impact, but his new record is

certainly much warmer and more approachable than anything he has previously done. Its success is well deserved. The title song, still at the top of the singles chart is a marvelous dance record thanks to the use of a loose, less format-conscious beat. Some-thing this artist has suddenly injected a real spontaneity into his music, making connections with many who previously paid little mind to his doings. What is true of 'Let's Dance' goes for most of the rest of the album, particularly for 'Modern Love', which overcomes its unnecessarily elliptical lyric in an excellent pastiche of the 20-year-old Holland-Dozier pattern of Martha and the Vandellas' 'Heatwave'. Perhaps the greatest departure is 'Without You', a completely unironic love ballad which moves to a nervously joggling rhythm track strongly reminiscent of Royalty Music: here and elsewhere, Chic's Nile Rodgers is to be congratulated

on the sparkling perception of his rhythm guitar work, complemented by Stevie Ray Vaughan's spare, telling lead lines. As a kind of junior Bowie figure, Robert Palmer has proved to be an infuriatingly inconsistent artist. A gifted white soul singer with exquisite taste and an inquiring mind, he has frequently outreached his grasp by annexing exotic forms without digesting them. A common affliction, it is particularly irritating in Palmer's case since we know from his first two solo LPs and his most recent London concert that he is capable of music both sumptuous and stimulating. Pride is a mixture of his recent infatuation with Gary Numan's new-age electronics, of do-it-yourself multi-ethnicity and of a desire for more sophisticated song forms. The first motif gives the album its rather odd quality which the second does not quite counter-balance, while the third comes

to the fore most effectively in 'Want You More', an interesting attempt at writing an old-fashioned torch song. Palmer's ability to fashion an irresistible groove can be heard in the funky 'Dance For Me' and in his remake of Kool and the Gang's 'Take My Heart', which finds him singing a quite brilliant variation on the bridge passage against a more formal, Europeanized version of Kool's polyrhythmic structure. All in all, though, I miss the romantic Palmer of 'Which Us is the Fool' and 'Give Me an Inch', among the best blue-eyed soul records ever made. As pop musicians bound up in theories of structure and content, Bowie and Palmer invite analysis. Maza's Frankie Beverly just gets on with the job of making music which is personal, human, emotional and helpful - all those qualities which Bowie has just discovered. Half a dozen albums into a phenomenally successful career,

this American soul singer and composer rightly sees no reason to question the correctness or pertinence of his approach: people they are both affecting and danceable, a state of affairs which will continue for as long as Beverly supervises recordings as assured and as superior as 'We Are One'. The album's seven songs settle into deceptively simple patterns: floated keyboards are energized by flicking rhythm guitar and careful drum syncopations, setting the background for Beverly's high tenor voice, which over strays outside its technical and emotional limits. This is unambitious music, doing an important job to perfection. 'Love is the Key' deserves to be their first British hit single, and 'Right on Time' and 'We Are One' should follow it. Bowie and Palmer are fascinating artists, but in terms of lasting value Beverly has them beaten all ends up.

Richard Williams



Born to lead: David Bowie hucking trends with foot-tapping verve

PREVIEW Theatre

Moll who took her role seriously

The Roaring Girl, which opens the Royal Shakespeare Company's second season at the Barbican on Tuesday, is the one "risk" production that the company allows itself each year. A revival of a virtually unknown comedy written by Middleton and Dekker in about 1610, it is, claims the director Barry Kyle, a work of theatrical archaeology. With an eye to box-office receipts, the company is putting on the play in partnership with The Taming of the Shrew, also directed by Kyle, to present different aspects of the role of women in Elizabethan and Jacobean society. The Roaring Girl is based on the life of a real woman, Mary Frith, the notorious Moll Cutpurse in the play, whose outrageous behaviour included wearing men's clothes and smoking a pipe. She lived around the Aldersgate area in which the Barbican is sited. The character is played by Helen Mirren, who has the contrasting role of Cleopatra in Antony and Cleopatra at the Barbican's other theatre, The Pit. Having a working-class woman as the centrepiece of a play represented a new departure at the time, according to Kyle, who is passionate about the play. The play shows the beginning of the development of drama which deals with the real world, and could not have been written 20 years earlier, he says. "This is a documentary in that it tells a story. It is a social examination of life, an original plot and not a rehash, as much of Shakespeare's work is."

show what is attractive and rare about the play, but part of the responsibility of reviving this sort of work is to allow people to see it as it is. Dekker was recording a language, fascinating but sometimes impenetrable. I have tried to keep the authentic smell of street speech, but unclogged the drains. Both Moll Cutpurse and Katharina in The Taming of the Shrew are independent-minded and fiery women, who defy men. Each play is about self-realization, but while Katharina's final choice is marriage, Moll, a modern feminist by instinct, will not assent to marriage until the conditions of society have improved. Kyle believes that a generation of Shakespearean presentation by the RSC is coming to an end. The company is by no means the only one now showing Shakespeare to the public: "It needs to extend its repertoire, and Jacobean drama is untapped. Shakespeare has tended to obliterate other people's work, and a number of Jacobean works are as good as the worst 10 of Shakespeare. Some are better." The Roaring Girl, his third Jacobean production in consecutive years, following The Maid's Tragedy by Beaumont and Fletcher and The Witch of Edmonton by Dekker, is another chance to prove his point. Christopher Warman



Jacobean feminist: Helen Mirren plays Moll Cutpurse in the Roaring Girl, at the Barbican

ANOTHER COUNTRY Queen's (734 1156) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm and Sat at 5.15pm Wars won on the playing fields of Eton are at the opposite end of an English public school as a breeding ground for traitors. A fascinating production by Stuart Burgis with a cast including Daniel Day-Lewis and John Douglas. CALL ME MADAM Victoria Palace (834 1317) Daily at 7.30pm; matinee Wed and Sat at 3pm Noël Gordon bounces back into musicals with a splendidly brassy Ambassador Sally Adams, the hostess with the mostest, in this often comical but immensely enjoyable Irving Berlin classic of 1950. CHARLEY'S AUNT Aldwych (836 6404) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3.30pm Griff Rhys Jones and his excellent supporting cast transfer joyously up West from their sell-out run at the Lyric, Hammersmith. One of the best Aunt Avers. CRYSTAL CLEAR Wyndhams (836 3028) Mon-Fri at 8.15pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm Invisibly characterized and intensely moving account of a triangular relationship, showing how allegiances shift when one of the partners goes blind. Text and production by Phil Young and his three actors Anthony Allen, Phyllida Law, Benjamin Whitrow and the rest of Michael

Critics' choice

triumph for the collective madhouse yet seen on the British stage. EDMUND KEAN Lyric, Hammersmith (741 2311) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 8.15pm Infinitely subtler than his recent TV version, Ben Kingsley's solo performance as the great nineteenth-century tragedian is one of the finest leasts of acting in London. Raymond FitzSimons's script carries him from starving obscurity through Drury Lane triumph to a drunken death with style and an astringent sense of irony. HEARTBREAK HOUSE Haymarket (830 9832) Daily at 7.30pm; matinees Wed and Sat at 2.30pm Shaw's wry, poetic picture of "civilized" Europe pre-1914 lovingly brought to life in John Dexter's production, Diana Rigg's Mrs Hushabye surpasses even her Eliza Doolittle. Rex Harrison makes a sally and whimsical Shogover, and Rosemary Harris, Paxton Whitehead and Simon Ward make the comic scenes a real treat. NOISES OFF Savoy (836 8888) Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm The funniest farce for years. Michael Frayn's brilliantly contrived complex of on-stage disasters and backstage dramas is still keeping houses full and audiences helpless with laughter after its first cast-change. Phyllida Law, Benjamin Whitrow and the rest of Michael

Blakemore's crack company give it the best of both worlds, the commercial hit and the connoisseur's classic. THE REAL THING Strand (836 2660) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm Highly uncharacteristic play by Tom Stoppard, starring Roger Rees as a successful playwright who discovers a true love at the cost of his marriage, a fate the play shares with its protagonist, despite much ingenuity, some marvellous writing and a gallant performance by Falcely Kandall. SMALL CHANGE Cottesloe (928 2252) Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory Revival of Peter Gill's evocation of childhood in working-class Cardiff, assembled from numerous remembered details and dissolving the boundaries between past and present. An austere beautiful production with fine performances from Jane Watton and James Hazledine. YAKETY YAKI Astoria (437 6655) Mon-Thurs at 8pm, Fri at 8.30pm and 9.15pm, Sat at 6pm and 9pm Robert Walker gets more than a little right in his recreation of 1950s America, a musical entertainment based on the rock songs of Jerry Leiber. Much more successful than Ned Sherrin's similar venture with Only in America. It is nevertheless hardly a West Side Story. The pleasure is in the songs, chosen with imagination, as the lyrics, who include The Darts, a rock revival group.

Out of Town

Mayes, Susan Twist, Michael Garner, Lindsey Walker. MANCHESTER: Young Exchange Theatre, at the Com Exchange (061 833 9833). Cook Ups by Simon Moss. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Sat at 4pm. The first production in the Royal Exchange's 400-seat mobile of this play is a premiere, studying the relationship between Joe Orton and Kenneth Halliwell. Directed by Greg Horsov. STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare (0789 255623). Twelfth Night Today, Mon and Fri at 7.30pm; matinee today at 1.30pm. Directed

PREVIEW Galleries

Critics' choice

ALEXANDER MANN Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, London W1 (629 5116). Until May 6, Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm Exhibition of 72 oil-paintings by this artist associated with the Glasgow School, a group of Scottish painters who, having trained in Paris, brought back a knowledge of French impressionism which pervaded their work. Born in 1853, Mann visited Morocco in the 1890s. He died in 1908, and his son James became head of the Wallace Collection. CHINESE SCHOLARS' TASTE Sydney L. Moas, 51 Brook Street, London W1 (629 4670/493 7374). Until May 7, today 10.30am-5pm, thereafter Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm. Items for sale An exhibition to show how different, over the centuries, the Chinese mandarins' taste has been from the British connoisseurs. Instead of export porcelain and incense burners, the Chinese preferred to use wood, stones, and the art of calligraphy as media. Using simple shapes and restrained colours. GUSTAVE DORE 1832-1883 Hazlett, Gooden & Fox, 38 Bury Street, St James's, London SW1 (050 6422). Until May 12, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm Splendid tribute marking the centenary of Dora's death. With

drawings, watercolours and original woodblocks of some of his most famous illustrations, not to mention sculptures and sketches for major oils, it reminds us of the almost inconceivable fame enjoyed by Dore in his own lifetime, achieved in the teeth of critics, who regarded his being self-taught and misstrusted such widespread popularity. It also reminds us that, for all his reputation as a playboy, he saw more clearly than most the dark side of city life and the more frightening depths of the human imagination. ALFRED WATERHOUSE Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1 (589 5533). Until May 23, Mon-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm The almost infinite riches of the Royal Institute of British Architects' collection of architectural drawings are called upon to light up the dark places of Alfred Waterhouse's career. In the Victorian era, Waterhouse was renowned as a master of practical planning. His invention in surface detail makes him peculiarly satisfying to see in design form, and since he was a painter also (not to be confused with J. W. J. he was well able to evoke graphically his most splendid visions.

EDMUND DULAC Geoffrey Museum, Kingland Road, London E2 (739 8368). Until May 30, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm Arthur Rackham's principal rival in the production of fancifully illustrated gift books, especially for children, Dulac had had to wait until the year after his centenary for a major show of his work in all media. Of course, the illustrations to the Arabian Nights and other exotic tales still seize most of the attention, but it is good to be reminded also of his spare and elegant designs for stamps and coins (including both for Edward VIII), his painting and his varied work in the applied arts. THE HAGUE SCHOOL Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 9052). Until July 10, daily 10am-6pm The Hague School of painters laid the foundations for some of the developments in twentieth-century art. Inspired by seventeenth-century Dutch canvases, their paintings between 1870 and 1900 were avidly collected in America and Britain. One hundred and thirty landscapes, marine scenes and interiors by Bloemen, Bosboom and other members of the school are on show, as well as several early paintings by Van Gogh and Mondrian, who were both influenced by them.



Photography THE SICILIAN MAFIA Camera-work, 121 Roman Road, London E2 (980 8286). April 27-May 28, Tues 1-6pm, Wed-Sat 11am-5pm For more than a century the Mafia has been the dominant force in Sicilian social and political life. The last 20 years have seen its expansion into international drug trafficking and high finance. This exhibition is the work of members of the Sicilian Documentation Centre which was founded in 1977 to research and document the problem of the Mafia. Photographs show the organization in both its social and historical context while portraying the vitality of working-class life in Palermo. FORM THROUGH A LENS Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (589 5533). Until May 6, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Colour photographs by Vickie Satcher the New Zealand photographer, which concentrate on the form and shape of buildings. ALVIN LANGDON COBURN: MAN OF MARK 1882-1966 Walker Art Gallery, William Brown

Street, Liverpool (051 227 5234). Until May 31, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm In 1930 Coburn gave his collection of photographs to the Royal Photographic Society before destroying 15,000 negatives; this exhibition is drawn from that archive. Both portraits and landscapes - Regent's Canal, the Thames at Wapping, New York - are represented in a style which captures mood and atmosphere rather than fine detail. The sensitive portraits are of a coterie of the enlightened such as George Bernard Shaw, Arthur Symon and Edward Carpenter. FAMILY ALBUMS Museum and Art Gallery, Wardsdown Park, Luton (0582 39941). Until May 7, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm The Manchester Studies Archive has, over recent years, amassed an enormous collection of photographs and memorabilia recording ordinary working-class life. This exhibition consists of valuable documentary material. Theatre: Irving Wardle and Anthony Masters; Galleries: John Russell Taylor; Photography: Michael Young

All aboard for the great magic carpet bazaar

Since the first International Conference on Oriental Carpets was held in London seven years ago, it has established itself as a two-yearly event to which all carpet lovers - be they scholars or museum curators, dealers or collectors - look forward eagerly. Within the many lectures and discussion groups, all the newest research, discoveries and ideas can be disseminated to an interested audience. These academic events are, essentially, enjoyable grist to the specialist's mill. The majority assume some degree of specialist knowledge in their audiences. However, there is another aspect to the conferences, which started as a distinctly minor adjunct but has since grown so much in importance that at the fourth conference, to be held in London this summer, it will constitute, perhaps the major part of the whole affair. This is the series of exhibitions mounted to illustrate various specific areas of carpet history and production. This summer, delegates and members of the public will be able to visit some 14 exhibitions. Taken as a whole they will constitute the most brilliant and comprehensive display of oriental weaving ever shown in one city at one time. There will be three outstanding non-commercial shows: "Carpet Magic" at the Barbican Centre (April 26-June 19). "The Eastern Carpet to the Western World from the Fifteenth to the Seventeenth Century" at the Hayward Gallery (May 20-July 10) and "Carpets in Paintings" at the National Gallery (June 1-July 24). The first of these will concentrate on tribal and village rugs from the seventeenth century almost to the present day; it has been organized by Dr Jon Thompson, one of the world's leading experts on Turkoman weaving, and one of a small band of scholars who, during the past two decades, have attempted to apply strict scientific methods to what was previously a daintily haphazard area of art history. The Hayward show has been organized by the Arts Council, and the carpets to be exhibited

were chosen by a committee of experts, foremost amongst whom was Michael Frances, a young London dealer, who over the last 10 years has established a reputation as perhaps the most adventurous and scholarly carpet dealer in the world. The show will be the greatest collection of classical (pre-1800) carpets assembled in one place since the exhibition of Mohammedan art in Munich in 1910 organized by Friedrich Sarre. It will be a unique opportunity to see masterpieces from all the famous weaving cultures - the Mamluk Empire of Egypt, the Safavid Dynasty of Persia, the Mogul Empire of India and so on. It will also provide the first public showing of two outstanding works of art, a fifteenth-century Mamluk carpet and a sixteenth-century Ottoman carpet made in Cairo, which were discovered only weeks ago in the storage basement of the Pitti Palace in Florence by Alberto Borealevi, a local carpet expert. They are documented as having entered the Medici collection at the beginning of the sixteenth century, and are of considerable importance for the evidence they furnish for dating and provenance. The exhibition at the National Gallery will concentrate on the evidence given for the dating and provenance of oriental carpets through their

frequent appearances in European painting from the late fourteenth up to and including the seventeenth century. Carpet scholars have long recognized the importance of the evidence furnished by European art in a field of study where there is very little firm documentation. John Mills, of the gallery, has sought to assemble all the available visual and statistical evidence for the major types of carpets seen in paintings, together with the many stylistic variants, and to derive from it a coherent and believable chronological structure. Alongside the painted representations of some of the more famous types of classical carpets will hang surviving examples. In addition to these three exhibitions, many London dealers have put together general or specialist shows to coincide with the conference, all of which will be open to the public free of charge. Most of the exhibits will be for sale, but dealers are anxious to stress that they have organized the shows for educational purposes rather than commercial ones. At one end of the scale will be the superb, classical, tribal and village rugs shown by dealers such as Michael Frances, Raymond Benardot and David Black. At the other end, for the real beginner, wanting to buy an attractive small rug, perhaps not in the best condition but still eminently displayable, will be the many small dealers' exhibitions, for example, David and Paula Philpot's "Village Rug Show" at the Coates Oriental Carpet Gallery. David Philpot is one of the small group of young dealers who have the country auctions and the more obscure London salerooms; they have a keen eye for quality and are geared to a rapid turnover of stock at minimum profits. His wife, Paula Philpot, is an expert restorer of oriental carpets. From dealers such as these a new collector will often be able to acquire a piece for a fraction of the price it would fetch in a prestigious West End gallery.

Collecting

Collectors' calendar

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORIENTAL CARPETS Barbican Centre, Silk Street London EC2. June 9-12. Fees: delegates £50; day tickets £20; season ticket £30. Registration form from ICCO, 70 Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex (01 891 4951). The fourth conference will have more than 60 specialists speaking on subjects ranging from prehistoric kilims to carpets of the Mediterranean; plus practical demonstrations of carpet weaving skills. Exhibitions CARPET MAGIC Barbican Art Gallery, Level 3, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (838 4141). April 26-June 18. See also page 8. THE EASTERN CARPET IN THE WESTERN WORLD, FROM THE 15TH TO THE 17TH CENTURY Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London, SE1 (822 3144). May 20-July 10. Admission £2, children, pensioners etc £1. CARPETS IN PAINTINGS National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (839 3321). June 1-July 24. Free. ISLAMIC TEXTILE DESIGN Smith and Son, 5-7 King Street, London SW1 (830 7886). June 1-30. Free. Items for sale ANGLIO PERSIAN RETROSPECTIVE Anglo-Persian Carpet Company, South Kensington Arcade, London SW7 (589 8457). June 1-18. Free. RUGS OF KURDISTAN Thornbrough Galleries, 26 Gloucester Street, Cirencester, Gloucestershire (0285 2055). June 1-30. Free. Items for sale PARS, CARPETS IN THE PERSIAN STYLE Zedah Persian Carpets, 20 Dering Street, off New Bond Street, London W1 (429 2622). June 1-17. Free. Items for sale THE VILLAGE RUG SHOW David and Paula Philpot at Coates Oriental Carpets, 4 Kensington Church Walk, London W8 (937 0983). June 6-25. Free. Items for sale COLLECTABLE AND DECORATIVE RUGS AND CARPETS Vigo Carpet Gallery, 6a Vigo Street, London W1 (429 8571). June 7-30. On the first floor is Clive Rogers's Early Islamic Textiles exhibition. Both free. Items for sale RARE AND COLLECTABLE RUGS AND TEXTILES Raymond Benardot, 4-5 William Street, Knightsbridge, London SW1 (235 3380). June 8-12. Free. Items for sale

THE GREAT KILIM SHOW David Black Oriental Carpets, 86 Dorland Road, London W11 (727 2566). June 9-July 3. Free. Items for sale THE CARPET RENAISSANCE Henkies at the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair, Park Lane, W1 (469 8363). Stand 6, June 10-18. Admission to fair £5. 1700 YEARS OF TEXTILE ART The Textile Gallery at the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair, Stand 58, June 10-18. Admission to fair £5. IMPORTANT PRE-COLUMBIAN AND COPTIC TEXTILE ARTS Paul Hughes, 3a Pembroke Square, London W2 (243 8598). June 11-25. By appointment. Items for sale Auctions RARE ANTIQUE ORIENTAL RUGS AND TEXTILES Rippon Boswell & Co, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (689 4242). June 13, 11.30am SELECTED ORIENTAL CARPETS AND RUGS Bonhams, Montpelier Street, London SW7 (584 9161). June 13, 2.30pm CHRISTIE'S ISLAMIC SEASON Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (839 9060). Islamic and Indian Manuscripts, Miniatures and Works of Art, June 13, 11am. Fine Eastern Rugs and Carpets, June 13, 7pm. Islamic Works of Art, Arms and Armour, June 14, 11am FINE CARPETS AND RUGS Phillips, 7 Blenheim Street, London W1 (629 5602). June 14, 11am ORIENTAL AND ISLAMIC TEXTILES AND COSTUME Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (581 2231). June 14, 2pm FINE RUGS, CARPETS AND TEXTILES Sotheby's, 19 Moorgate Street, London EC4 (463 469). June 15, 10.30am GOOD ORIENTAL TEXTILES AND COSTUMES Phillips, 7 Blenheim Street, London W1 (629 8602). June 16, 11am RARE AND IMPORTANT ORIENTAL CARPETS, TEXTILES AND REFERENCE BOOKS Lefevre & Partners, 152 Brompton Road, London SW3 (504 5515). June 17, 2.30pm

The David Wood Magic & Music Show lots of jolting in for everyone over 4 yrs Sat 25 & Sun 24 April at 2.30 Tickets 10-13.00 Unicorn Theatre Box Office: 01-855 5334

Ian Bennett











THE WEEK AHEAD

Today

JUDO ANO KARATE: The most popular judo event outside Japan is held this weekend, the British Men's Open Championship...

SATURDAY VALUATIONS: Sotheby's offer a new weekend service: experts advise, price and take in goods...

SNOOKER: The Embassy World Professional Championship continues all week with the second round and the semi-finals...



Eastern promise: Christie's sale of Orientalia (Mon)

Beethoven concert in Leeds Town Hall tonight. It opens a week of concerts and recitals given by staff and students of the College...

THE RISE AND FALL OF BERNIE CORNFELD: The first of three documentary specials about the biggest fraud of modern times...

ALAN BENNETT ON THE AIR: Bennett, Robert Stephens, Cyril Chaps and Pauline Lewis star in Dragon, an epic saga by Don Haworth...

STROLLING IN VICTORIAN CEMETERIES: Brent Elliott leads enthusiasts around Putney Vale Cemetery where monuments of every shape and size were erected at the turn of the century...

WHITBREAD GOLD CUP: Twenty-seven running of the oldest sponsored steep climb in the country...

TENNIS FOR MEN ONLY: The State Express Classic tournament of men's singles matches reaches the semi-finals today...

THE VIRGIN AND THE BULL: A new comedy by Georgia Milnes, Hungarian-born author of How to be an Alien and The Prophet Movie...

MAHATMA GANDHI: Cotton spinning became the mark of the Indian struggle for independence. Filmed in India. The Wise Man and the Fool tells the story of cotton and includes rare archive footage of the 'father of the Indian nation'...

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC: The City of Leeds College of Music Symphony Orchestra with violinist Erich Gruenberg give an all...



Victorians: Stroll round Putney Vale cemetery (today)

Monday

JAPANESE ART: Christie's are offering three days of sales devoted to Japanese art that they have gathered since last autumn...

BARBICAN TRIPLE: Three exhibitions open today. Carpet Magic launches a season of carpet exhibitions...

MEIEVAL TREASURES: As Sotheby's put it: 'This is probably the largest auction sale ever held of cuttings from medieval manuscripts, though perhaps the Celotti sale of 26 March 1825 may be its closest rival'...

KILLER IN THE VILLAGE: Horizon traces the spread of the disease called AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome - which kills by cutting its victims' immune defences to a range of cancers and potentially fatal infections...

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Charismatic Cubism: Most extensive exhibition ever (Wed)

BALLOONING REMEMBERED: A Swedish collection of ballooning memorabilia is included in today's sale of aeronautical and nautical art and literature...

THE ROARING GIRL: RSC's production of Middleton and Dekker's play opens at the Barbican...

HUMPHREY SEARLE PRIZE: Four entries for the 1983 Humphrey Searle Chamber Music Prize are performed and the winner announced...

POULENC ON THE AIR: Live broadcast of Poulenc's opera The Carmelites from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden...

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GOLDSMITHS' CRAFT FAIR: 110 craftsmen exhibit and sell fashion jewelry, precious jewelry, and silverwork...

VICTORIA CROSS: The only Battle of Britain VC, awarded to Flight Lieutenant James Nicolson 1941 while his own Hurricane was on fire...

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL: The two-year tournament continues tonight when England play Hungary at Wembley...

MILES DAVIS: The figurehead of jazz returns today and tomorrow, apparently in better physical shape than last year...

FOOTSI: Dustin Hoffman and Jessica Lange (recent winner of Best Supporting Actress Oscar) in Sydney Pollack's film comedy, already hugely successful in the US...

ASCENDANCY: Edward Bennett's film set in Belfast, 1920, won the Berlin Golden Bear Award this year...

BARBAROSA: Fred Schepels's western recounts the legend of Barbara who never dies. With Willie Nelson and Gary Busey...

TOPOLSKI FATHER AND SON: Exhibition of paintings and drawings by Felix Topolski and photographs by his son Daniel made during their six-month adventure in South America...

1,000 GUINEAS: The first classic of the English flat racing season will feature a repeat of the clash between French filly Me Biche and locally trained...

MISTERO BUFFO: The first performance in Britain by Dario Fo of his epic monologues inspired by the medieval tradition of the troubadour...

THE TAKING OF THE SHREW: A transfer from Stratford. Directed by Barry Kyle with Alan Armstrong, Richard Cusack, Ace Kuge, Barbra Streisand...

HARTY NIGHTINGALE: Heather Harper, with the Ulster Orchestra under Bryden Thomson, gives an extremely rare performance of Hamilton Hayry's Ode to a Nightingale...

TUDOR PORTRAITS: The National Portrait Gallery's Gallery 21, devoted to its extraordinary holdings of Tudor portraits, respectively redesigned and redecorated...

THE BODY: A new play by Nick Darke, directed by Nick Hamer, with Jenny Agutter, Christopher Benjamin and Jon Soave...

STABAT MATER: Hatfield Philharmonic Chorus, the Nemans Orchestra and soloists conducted by Michael Kibbielwhite sing and play Szymanowski's Stabat Mater...

LITTLE LIES: Sir John Mills stars as a bankrupt in Joseph George Carstairs's Mass in G, a full evening. Wing Pinner's The Magistrate, directed by Tony Tanner...

CUMBERLAND FARMS FOXHOUNDS TEAM EVENTS: Borran Hill, Wotton, Carlisle, Cumbria, April 24

TEESDALE COUNTRY FAIR: Lartington Park, Barnard Castle, County Durham, April 24, 11am, admission free

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SHAKESPEARE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, today

CRICKET ST THOMAS HORSE DRIVING TRIALS: Cricket St Thomas Wild Life Park, Chard, Somerset, today and tomorrow

TAVISTOCK MARATHON: From Tavistock Meadows, Tavistock, Devon, over Dartmoor, today

A23, is mid-way between Portsmouth and Chichester

VALLEY EVENT: Antique and Collectors Fair, Valley Lodge Hotel, Alfrincham Road, Wilsford, Cheshire (0625 229291); tomorrow 10am-5pm; admission 25p

Coins, Victoriana, jewelry, silver, pottery, stamps, dolls, pine furniture, linen. Refreshments.

One of an 1834 set by Thomas de la Rue

Tomorrow

PLACIDO DOMINGO: Two opportunities to hear the great opera singer today. The Order of St John Musical Society present a gala concert with Luciana Serra, Thomas Allen and Domingo with the English Chamber Orchestra...

VERDI'S REQUIEM: There are three performances of this magnificent choral work this week. Robert Lloyd, Margaret Price, Livia Buda and Giuseppe Giacomini sing with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir...

MAHATMA GANDHI: Cotton spinning became the mark of the Indian struggle for independence. Filmed in India. The Wise Man and the Fool tells the story of cotton and includes rare archive footage of the 'father of the Indian nation'...

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MEIEVAL TREASURES: As Sotheby's put it: 'This is probably the largest auction sale ever held of cuttings from medieval manuscripts, though perhaps the Celotti sale of 26 March 1825 may be its closest rival'...

KILLER IN THE VILLAGE: Horizon traces the spread of the disease called AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome - which kills by cutting its victims' immune defences to a range of cancers and potentially fatal infections...

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Read between the comics' lines

Have your children read any good books lately? More to the point, have they read any books other than those for the school syllabus according to a number of teachers and parents, some children - unfortunately increasing in numbers - do not read a word unless they have to and it is having an adverse effect on their performance in school...

There is another worry that besets parents whose children do read voraciously, not books but comics. There are hundreds on sale, ranging from the apparently innocuous tales for younger children in comics such as Jack and Jill to the picture-story horrors of World War II that you find in comics such as Warlord (in which lines like 'die, you American pig' or 'come on men, they'll kill us all but at least we'll smash some of their Boche skulls first' are commonplace). And yes, it does have a Falklands file.

The real cult comics, however, are the relatively new British sellers such as 2000AD and Judge Dredd. You would suppose they are set in a science fiction future where the 'goodies' do constant battle with the 'baddies' and they have a language and jargon idiosyncratically theirs, which sorts out the cult followers from other comic readers. They are utterly fantastic and fairly violent, but have the distinct advantage of an underlying humour - puns and micky-taking galore - and they are vividly illustrated.

A spokesman for the children's section of The National Book League, confirmed that sales of books have been dropping gradually over the past five to 10 years, partly due to the fall in birthrate and a decrease in institutional spending. But more parents are buying books for their children, paperbacks in particular. Children still favour fantasy and science fiction titles. For parents concerned with juvenile reading, an excellent reference book is The Good Book Guide to Children's Books (Penguin £2.95).

A librarian responsible for children's literature at a large London lending library said that: 'Video is taking over where television turned off'. Where children and parents are prosperous, children can and do read - if they don't borrow, they buy. In less well off areas it is more of a problem particularly where children are living in cramped conditions. It may well be encouraging for parents concerned about their children's reading to learn that sales of Girl magazine, a fairly traditional outlet in terms of cloying consumption, increased from 170,822 in the year ending June 1982 to 193,342 by December 1982 and that the more bellicose Battle decreased from 86,063 to 81,778 over the same period. Similarly, Eagle slumped from 180,000 in June 1982 to 166,460 in December that year. Most educationalists and some teachers agree that reading comics is better than reading nothing at all. I'm not sure that I agree completely. Apart from the staccato and often jingolistic slant and speech, the underlying messages vary enormously from unadorned racism and violence to more timid postures. But before condemning all comics as trash, read them yourselves. Some really are quite harmless. Paedagogic to childhood fantasy, according to a child psychologist, even if it contains what you think of as violence, and most children are well able to distinguish fact from fantasy anyway. If you disagree with the contents, as opposed to the style, it is worth explaining why. The best way to ensure that your children read widely is of course to have shelves crammed with books and to read yourself. (You can't expect your exhortation to carry much weight if all you do is turn the television knob yourself at weekends or in the evening). Looking back I realize that I discovered Dickens, Woodhouse - and I make no apologies - Ruff's Guide to the Tuff - at an early age, simply because they were there. And the huzz these gave me has far outweighed Schoolfriend, Girl and all the other trash which I read, as avidly, for a brief while.

Judy Froshaug

Chess

The Charlton Jubilee International Tournament, which ended in south London last week, was a highly successful venture by the Charlton Chess Club, backed up by liberal support from the Greenwich Borough Council and the Friends of Chess. The latter regarded the tournament as precisely the sort of event it should sponsor, since it enabled our promising leading foreign players to meet suitable foreign opposition. It is only by constantly crossing swords with international masters from abroad that we can hope to restore Britain to that leading position it occupied in the chess world in the nineteenth century. In those days, the world's great players, and in particular the world champions, felt that they had to visit England as a sort of Mecca of chess. Much has already been done to restore that happy state of affairs, but it would appear to be done, and I would appeal to those of my readers who have not yet done so to help in this worthy cause by becoming members of the Friends of Chess.

You can become a member by sending a subscription of £12 a year to Mr Keith Richardson, Treasurer of the Friends of Chess, 19 The Ridings, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey; or if you are feeling generous you can become a patron at the minimum subscription of £30. It would be wonderful indeed if we could produce a British world champion before the century is out. Despite some formidable foreign opposition, the first place last week was shared by three young British players, Mark Hebden, Jim Plaskett and J. Richardson, who each scored 6½ points in the nine-round Swiss System tournament. Next, with 6 points, came the Hungarian grandmaster, J. Flesch, the Frenchman E. Prie and R. McKay from Scotland. Two young English players, K. Arkell and J. Hawksworth, together with the Dutch international master R. Hartoch, and the German G. Troppner, were next with 5½ points, followed by the former under 16 world champion Stuart Conquest, that very promising Scottish junior M. Condie, Colin Crouch, A. Stebbings, L. Pleister and R. Douven from the Netherlands, T. Manouk from France and Sheila Jackson, with 5 points each. Teresa Needham scored 4½ points alongside the English international master G. Fear, the New Zealander C. Laird and M. Ali. Another talented young Englishwoman, Suso Walker, scored 4 points, together with such strong players as R. Britton, C. McNab, J. Wager and K. Wicker. Next, with 3½ points, came N. Bradbury, A. Fayard, A. Jensen, N. McSheehy, J. L. Smart and N. Oliver, this last playing in seven rounds only, since he replaced the Hungarian international master P. Szakely, who had to retire owing to illness after the first two rounds. A game with a very pleasing finish by the Dutchman R. Douven: White: G. Fear. Black: R. Douven. QP King's Indian Defence.

1 P-Q4 N-K3 2 P-K3 B-N2 3 N-K2 B-N2 4 P-B3 B-N2 5 P-K4 B-N2 6 P-K3 B-N2 7 P-K4 B-N2 8 P-K3 B-N2 9 P-K4 B-N2 10 P-K3 B-N2 11 P-K4 B-N2 12 P-K3 B-N2 13 P-K4 B-N2 14 P-K3 B-N2 15 P-K4 B-N2 16 P-K3 B-N2 17 P-K4 B-N2 18 P-K3 B-N2 19 P-K4 B-N2 20 P-K3 B-N2 21 P-K4 B-N2 22 P-K3 B-N2 23 P-K4 B-N2 24 P-K3 B-N2 25 P-K4 B-N2 26 P-K3 B-N2 27 P-K4 B-N2 28 P-K3 B-N2 29 P-K4 B-N2 30 P-K3 B-N2

Harry Golombek

Family Life

OUTINGS: FLIGHTS OF FANTASY - AN EXHIBITION OF AMERICAN COMICS AND SCIENCE FANTASY. Church Farm House Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon (024 0139), April 23, 10am-1pm, 2-5pm, admission free. Examples from a wide range of material from science fiction, old television series, films and comic strips, including Superman, Mickey Mouse, Batman, Buck Rogers, Tarzan, Thunderbirds, Popeye, Star Wars, Dr Who. An absolute must for comic readers. NEASDEN DEPOT OPEN DAY. Neasden Depot, off Neasden Road, London NW10, April 24, 11am-5pm, admission 50p, children 20p. If trains and rails interest you, this open day offers the chance to discover how trains, equipment, signalling and other aspects of rail transport are maintained. ROMANS, TRAVELLERS AND HIGHWAYMEN. Gunnersbury Park Museum, Gunnersbury Park, London W3, April 23-June 19, Mon-Fri 11-5pm, weekends 10-5pm; admission free. The exhibition covers the history of the two early roads (today the A315-A30 and the A4) from London to the West Country. Subjects covered range from the Roman Road and communities which developed alongside it, the great age of coaching, highwaymen and footpads, to the age of the motor car. BOOMERANG MAKING WORKSHOP AND THROW-IN. Horniman Museum, London Road, London SE23 (089 4911), today, 10.30am, £1 (workshop); The Terraces, Crystal Palace Park, April 24, 11am, admission free (Throw-in). Families are welcome, children must be at least 10 years old, for safety reasons, at the workshop. For the Throw-in, divided into Junior and Adult sections, spectators are welcome. PLANTS OF PREY. Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 6323), today until June 3. A temporary exhibition about carnivorous plants, featuring live specimens in a greenhouse setting, which examines the facts and misconceptions held about carnivorous plants. Visitors can examine the various trap-mechanisms and see how the digestive systems work. There is a lecture at the museum on the subject today at 3pm (free) and workshops free every Sunday at 3pm during the exhibition. OUT OF TOWN: CUMBERLAND FARMS FOXHOUNDS TEAM EVENTS. Borran Hill, Wotton, Carlisle, Cumbria, April 24. TEESDALE COUNTRY FAIR. Lartington Park, Barnard Castle, County Durham, April 24, 11am, admission free. THE BEAUTIFUL HOMES AND GARDENS EXHIBITION. Carlton Towers, near Goole, North Yorkshire, today, 11am-5pm, tomorrow, 11am-7pm. SHAKESPEARE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS. Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, today. CRICKET ST THOMAS HORSE DRIVING TRIALS. Cricket St Thomas Wild Life Park, Chard, Somerset, today and tomorrow. TAVISTOCK MARATHON. From Tavistock Meadows, Tavistock, Devon, over Dartmoor, today. J.F.

Bridge

When it pays to throw away the book. The Highway Code explains clinically, if heartlessly, the dangers of braking sharply to avoid running over an animal. I confess that I fail to follow the official advice, because I react instinctively. One should also beware of following one's instinct or playing by rote at the bridge table. Here is an example of where the thoughtful player should reject the apparently routine play. Admittedly it may seem natural to cover the ♠Q with the King, but it is demonstrably incorrect. Provided that West has led from the ♠Q, it is safer and equally effective to take the ruffing finesse after drawing trumps. Permitting the ♠Q to hold the trick only loses when West has led from a precisely ♠Q, which is against the odds, and even then there is still the spade finesse in reserve. My second example shows that a defender must also beware of playing on impulse.

Rubber Bridge. Game all. Dealer South. ♠ J7 ♣ K84 ♢ Q8 ♠ 8553 ♡ A7 ♣ A532 ♠ A10 ♡ AK4 ♢ AK1085 ♣ K3 ♠ K553 ♡ 73 ♢ Q84 ♠ 10976 ♠ 76 ♡ J62 ♢ J8 ♠ J94 ♠ 8553 ♡ A7 ♣ A532 ♠ A10 ♡ AK4 ♢ AK1085 ♣ K3 ♠ K553 ♡ 73 ♢ Q84 ♠ 10976 ♠ 76 ♡ J62 ♢ J8 ♠ J94

It looks right for East to cover dummy's ♠4 with the 10. But look what happens. South wins the ♠A and plays a heart to dummy's ♠K. Now, with the aid of the diamond finesse he makes nine tricks (one club, one heart, three diamonds and four spades). Observe the difference if East plays the ♠K at trick one. The defence can establish the clubs before South can disclose West's ♠A. How can East tell that the ♠K is the winning play? By recognizing that the only hope is that West has the ♠A and an outside entry. Such recognition comes from logical thought, rather than instinct. Jeremy Flint

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 688 down 4 FT Gilts 81.24 down 0.36 FT All Shares 436.04 down 2.96

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5455 up 20pts Index 83.2 up 0.1 DM 3.7875

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Base rate 10 3 month interbank 10 1/4-10 1/2

PRICE CHANGES

Elson & Robbins 42p up 9p Jaha Jeebans Drill 180p up 35p

Further offers for Benn

The board of Benn Brothers, the specialist publishing company, said yesterday that it had received approaches from a number of other parties since United Newspapers launched its £11m takeover bid a week ago.

TILLING REJECTION

Thomas Tilling has rejected the offer from BTR as "thoroughly inappropriate and unacceptable".

MILL CLOSURE

Courtaulds, the textile group, will sever its long connexion with mid-Essex, by closing its remaining mill at Bocking.

EEC JOBLESS

Unemployment in the EEC fell to 10.7 per cent in March, but seasonal factors were responsible, not an economic upswing, the European Commission said in Brussels.

BSC SALES MOVE

Talks on a management buy-out of a controlling interest in the British Steel Corporation's coated electrodes businesses at Orgreave, near Sheffield, and Wikmanshyttan, Sweden, are at an advanced stage.

GRAIN FALL

United States grain production is expected to fall by a spectacular 27.5 per cent, from 337 million tonnes in 1982-83 to 244 million tonnes in 1983-84.

PRICE FALL

West German wholesale prices fell 0.6 per cent in March after an 0.8 per cent fall in February.

FALKLAND FEES

Barclays Bank will waive commission charges and exchange the Falklands pound at par for sterling from Monday.

Wall St up after shaky start

New York (AP-Dow Jones) Stocks turned upward after an uncertain start yesterday.

Advancing issues took a slim lead over declines in active trading.

Mr Michael Metz, vice-president at Oppenheimer & Co, said the market's upturn reflected "favourable internal and external factors."

Mr Metz noted the market was becoming "more fragmented, especially among the technology groups, which may indicate a change in leadership is under way."

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES

International Business Machines was up 1/2 to 116 1/2. General Electric was 111, up 1/2.

Caterpillar Tractor was up 1/2 at 46 1/2. Sedco up 1/2. Sunstrand up 1/2 to 39 1/2. Merck up 1/2 at 83 1/2.

Opec seeks Soviet help on oil prices

By Our Energy Correspondent

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has formally approached the Soviet Union for help in stabilizing the oil market.

Dr Mana Saeed al-Otaiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, said that Opec had mandated Algeria to seek the Soviet Union's cooperation in holding present price levels.

Opec had made no secret of its urgent desire to enlist as many non-Opec producers as possible, including Britain, to defend the new \$29-a-barrel reference price agreed in London last month.

The Soviet Union is particularly important since it has exports of Soviet oil into Europe at cut-price rates at the start of the year which played a significant part in forcing down oil prices.

Spirax to rise £16m

Spirax-Sarco, the Cheltenham-based manufacturer of energy control equipment, plans to raise £16m from fully underwritten share issue to help fund a £20m acquisition of the Sarco hot water control equipment division of White Industries in the US.

Mr Anthony Brown, Chairman of Spirax, said the issue of 9,353,838 new ordinary shares on a one-for-four basis at 17p had to be approved by shareholders at an extraordinary meeting on May 28.

The aim of the issue he said, was to ensure that after financing the Sarco could continue to have the flexibility to finance future expansion and to restore liquidity which will be required when the economy improves.

Pretax profits at Spirax rose by 15 per cent last year to £8.5m on a turnover which was up by 12 per cent to £47.8

Government puts ban on cheap coal imports by generating board

By Jonathan Davies, Energy Correspondent

The Government has intervened again to prevent the Central Electricity Generating Board from importing cheap overseas coal, despite warnings that this could push up the cost of electricity to consumers.

The Department of Energy's decision, disclosed in a brief unpublished parliamentary answer, means that the CEBG must continue to stockpile its contracted supplies of Australian coal on the Continent, a policy that has already cost the taxpayer nearly £50m in subsidies.

The Government's order to the CEBG to limit its imports of coal to a maximum of 750,000 tonnes a year was originally made two years ago as part of the tripartite settlement which followed the threatened miners' strike in February, 1981.

The order expired at the beginning of this month, and has since been followed by intense argument and lobbying involving the National Coal Board, the CEBG, the Treasury and the Department of Energy.

In his parliamentary answer, Mr John Moore, the Energy Under Secretary of State, responsible for coal, said merely that he had asked the CEBG to continue to limit its imports "for the time being".

The issue is such a sensitive one that neither the CEBG, the coal board nor the Department would comment officially on what arrangement has been reached. A department official was unable to define the period which the phrase, "for the time being", entailed.

£17m deficit brings Aurora suspension

By Our Financial Staff

The troubled engineering group Aurora yesterday announced that it had exceeded the borrowing limits permitted under the company's articles of association.

Trading in the shares was suspended at the request of the company, which is to be kept afloat by Barclays Bank until a capital reconstruction can take place.

The company made a reduced loss of £3.8m before tax for 1982 (the loss for the previous year was £5.5m), but after extraordinary items the total deficit for the year was £17.7m.

The cause of Aurora's troubles over the last two years has been a loss of more than £23m from special steel manufacturing activities, including the cost of moving manufacturing to a single site at Openshaw, Manchester, and then discontinuing special steel-making.

Barclays Bank had undertaken to maintain existing lines of credit to give Aurora time to finalise discussions with the bank and a number of other financial institutions. These will aim at securing a capital injection to put the company's financial structure on a sound permanent footing.

In spite of the considerable losses, Aurora has contained its level of borrowings within available facilities. But the erosion of the company's capital base, which has arisen as a result of the losses means that net assets are now less than half of the company's called-up share capital.

Under section 34 of the 1980 Companies Act, this situation requires that directors convene an extraordinary meeting. This has been called for May 15.

Borrowing at the end of 1982 amounted to £36.5m which, because of the diminution of the capital base, were "considerably in excess" of authorised limits. At the extraordinary meeting shareholders will be asked to pass two resolutions.

The first will be to ratify all borrowings in excess of the limit; the second to substitute temporarily a new borrowing limit which is roughly in line with the present borrowing facilities available to Aurora.

The extent of Aurora's losses come as a considerable shock. The interim figures published last September showed a small profit of £283,000 compared with a loss of £221,000 for the corresponding period of the previous year.

At that stage, Sir Robert Atkinson, the chairman, told shareholders that borrowings remained well within limits and the company's projections showed that this position should be maintained "for the foreseeable future".

Sales slump rocks Blackwood Hodge

By Our Financial Staff

Poor second half trading plunged Blackwood Hodge £3.7m into the red before tax in 1982, after a first half profit of £639,000.

Sales of the earthmoving equipment specialists were down by 11.6 per cent at £309m, but the overall figure cloaks the difference between a 9 per cent improvement in the first six months of the year and a 28.3 per cent fall in the second half. Shares dipped 5p to 19p on the news, 1.5p above their all-time low.

Channel 4 holds back Grampian TV profits

Profit growth at Grampian Television was held back last year by the cost of setting up the Channel 4 station.

Mr Iain Tennant, chairman of Grampian, said that the £178,000 contribution to the new station was the single most significant factor affecting Grampian's results for 1982.

Despite the problems associated with Channel 4, Grampian was able to report a 19 per cent increase in pretax profits to £768,000 last year. Revenue rose by 25 per cent to £11.2m.

Sotheby's bid in OFT check

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Office of Fair Trading mergers panel will examine the takeover bid for Sotheby's early next week, probably on Tuesday.

If it considers that there are issues of public interest concerned with the bid which requires further investigation, the case could be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The OFT expects to send its recommendations to Lord Cockfield, Secretary of State for Trade, by the end of the week so that he can decide for or against such a referral. It is open to any parties to make representations to the OFT in such cases and Sotheby's beleaguered management is believed to have put forward its case against the takeover.

The management is arguing that Sotheby's is a great British institution and should not be allowed to pass out of the control of British nationals and that Mr Marshall Cogan, one of the few Americans who have launched the bid, has in the past been disciplined for stock dealing.

The Security and Exchange Commission in Washington confirms that there have been two SEC enforcement actions

It is understood, however, that the Government has agreed in principle to continue subsidizing the CEBG's stockpiles of foreign coal. The stocks are continuing to grow, and now exceed three million tonnes.

The CEBG is contracted to buy at least 2 million tonnes a year of coal from Australia. It claims that the coal is at least 10 per cent cheaper than comparable NCB coal when delivered to Thameside power stations.

The Government paid more than £30m to the CEBG last year as compensation for having to leave the coal at ports on the Continent. The figure in the previous year was £18m.

There has been no confirmation of speculation that a continued ban on imports is one of the conditions insisted on by Mr Ian MacGregor, the present chairman of British Steel, as part of this agreement to take over as chairman of the coal board.

However, Mr MacGregor, who takes over as coal board chairman in September, is scheduled to have a private meeting with Sir Walter Marshall, chairman of the CEBG, in the next few weeks. It is thought that the purpose is to try to reach a new understanding between the two state industries.

The CEBG is by far the largest customer of the coal board, and has repeatedly claimed that it is being forced to pay for the inefficiency of uneconomic pits because of the coal board's inflexible pricing system and the imports ban.

Sir Walter, who was appointed last year, has made it clear that he does not intend to embarrass the Government. But he is known to be concerned that Mr MacGregor will attempt to wring more money out of the CEBG in his efforts to reduce the coal board's heavy subsidies.

The Government's original decision to cut imports to a maximum was criticized last year by the Commons select committee on energy for disregarding the interests of consumers and taxpayers. It is certainly at variance with the Government's general policy of exposing nationalized industries to more competition.

With demand for electricity falling and coal stocks at a record high, the CEBG has already succeeded in negotiating a more favourable purchase deal with the coal board.

Both its cash and share offers will remain open until May 6 and the share offer may be extended beyond that.

Schroders said: "We are particularly delighted that 97 per cent of the shares accepting have opted for Hanson shares which shows great faith in Sir James Hanson's ability to operate the company in the best interests of stockholders, employees and customers as he promised."

Hanson will start to take control when it meets the UDS board on Monday. "We think Hanson can do a lot for this business," said Mr Jones.

However, Hanson's victory has not yet brought a final end to its long-running and confusing battle for UDS with Bassishaw, the consortium specially set up by Mr Gerald

City Comment

Investment trusts challenge

Much is made of the reorganization and rationalization of British industry in recent years. Less readily appreciated is that there is a similar if less painful revolution taking place in the financial community.

Investment trusts are a case in point. Yesterday, the London and Manchester Group asked the British Industries and General Trust to call an extraordinary general meeting.

The purpose of this, if it happens, is to consider a proposal from London and Manchester that the investment trust should convert into a unit trust.

London and Manchester holds a 17.3 per cent stake in the trust so is in a powerful position to get what it wants. But it will have to struggle because when it suggested unitization to the board last year it met with a polite refusal.

If anything, the positions will become more entrenched for in the intervening period the Scottish investment trusts in particular have become so alarmed at the moves to force them to unitize that, under the banner of the Association of Investment Trusts, they have asked the Bank of England to step in.

The Bank apparently showed no great willingness to get involved, which puts the ball firmly back in the investment trusts court - and makes it likely that the attacks will continue.

Unitization is popular among shareholders because they get immediate profit on their shares - but it does destroy a unique investment animal in the process - and it is by no means certain that this is for the general good. But if the trusts want to survive they are going to have to come up with an alternative which will sufficiently improve their image for the discount to disappear. And so far that had proved a tall order.



Hanson: shareholders have great faith in him.

Ronson's Heron group to buy UDS.

Hanson needs 75 per cent to consolidate UDS fully and 90 per cent to force dissenting shareholders to sell. Bassishaw owns about 15 per cent plus 1 per cent committed by the UDS board.

This impasse may be resolved by Bassishaw buying the Richard Shops and Collier retail chains, whose disrupted future caused the UDS board majority to back Bassishaw's offer.

But it looks as though Bassishaw may simply throw in the towel. Heron has the consolation of "a substantial profit" on its initial per cent stake, bought at less than half the bid price. A Heron spokesman said last night.

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Publishing group's offer starts a £100m stampede

City snaps up Octopus

The offer for sale of shares in Mr Paul Hamlyn's Octopus Publishing Group was nearly five times oversubscribed yesterday as investors rushed to take a stake in the company which has pioneered the sale of own-brand books in retail stores.

In the City, it was estimated that more than £100m was chasing the shares and N. M. Rothschild, the merchant bankers arranging the offer by tender, decided to fix the striking price at 350p, against a base price of 275p.

When trading in the shares begins on the stock market on Tuesday, Mr Hamlyn, who launched Octopus in 1971, stands to gain £3.4m from the sale of 2.4 million of the 3.1 million shares on offer to the public.

Mr Hamlyn said yesterday that he was delighted by the response from the public. "I am very optimistic about the future," he said. As a result of the share sale, Octopus will have more than 5,000 shareholders and a market capitalization in the region of £30m.

The Hamlyn family will retain a 70 per cent stake in Octopus, the public will have 20 per cent, and the 175 employees the remaining 10 per cent.



Hamlyn: "Very optimistic".

Mr Hamlyn set up Octopus after leaving the IPC publishing group. The company has 600 active titles in English and has sold more than 110 million books. It has tried to exploit the market for book sales through multiple retailers and super-market chains, including Marks & Spencer.

Last year the company made pretax profits of £4.8m on a turnover of £30m.



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## Gilts hold fire for election

Gilts are continuing to mark time, with expectations of a June election growing. Over the last week shorts were unchanged. The prospects for next week look slightly better, although any upsets in the US money markets as a result of lack of enthusiasm for the May government auction could also depress London.

The next four weeks are a heavy inflow of gilt dividends, with the total reaching more than £1,400m. This would auger well for the gilt market, if it were not for the fact that calls up to the beginning of June total slightly more, at £1,800m.

Still weighing on the market is the medium term, of which half is still in the hands of the government broker. No cut in interest rates to help it on its way is being forecast until well into June at least - after the much-tipped election date.

This week's dull trading also owed something to the fact that one of the leading jobbers, Woods, had a year end.

But the market remains preoccupied by the election rather than currency or economic factors - if that is, that the figures continue to come in as predicted.

in equities last week. The company said that this week's news on first quarter profits will show a "distinct improvement". That helped equities generally.

Profit announcements last week showed a mixed picture, with the relaxation of hire purchase regulations and lower interest rates boosting consumers' spending at Currys. The electronic retail group announced figures up from £10.9m to £25.8m for last year.

Bank of Scotland announced a rise of more than 14 per cent in its profits last year before bad debt provisions and profits in gilts. But with a bad debt provision a prudent £27m, the pretax was announced at £46.4m.

Hawker Siddeley's profits fell back only slightly, at £116.2m, even though the company sounded less than enthusiastic about the state of the economy. Electrical engineering profits continued to move ahead; it was the mechanical engineering

### SHARE HIGHLIGHTS

Company	Price yesterday	Change on Week	1982-83 "high"	"low"	Comment
Arlen Electrical	377.5p	up 80.5p	-	-	Orders hopes
Bellair Cosmetics	79p	up 25p	-	-	US talks
BOC Group	229p	up 15p	231p	146p	EB support
Hawker Siddeley	390p	up 2p	406p	290p	Recent figures
ICI	462p	up 26p	470p	272p	Bullish report

side that held it back. But the dividend was increased. Shareholders of W. H. Smith & Son also receive a dividend rise and there was an improvement in the profit performance, at £26.7m, helped by the elimination of losses in the United States. The DIY section, the company's hope for the future, is growing and it seems confident that there will be no big Fleet-Street disruption this year.

Brixton Estates is back on the takeover trail and announced the placement of a £15m first mortgage debenture stock. The investment profit was up 15 per cent last year at £7m.

Minnet, the insurance broker, announced a 20 per cent jump in profit to £17.8m and also raised its dividend. The results were followed by the announcement that St Paul Companies had bought a further 5 per cent of the equity, taking its stake to 20 per cent.

But the week finished badly with the £7m pretax loss and missed final dividend caused by overcapacity in tyre production from Dunlop. The debts are rising, however.

### Wall Street

The Dow Jones industrial average hit a new high this week as investors decided that there was no need to worry about inflation for another year. The rise in the US cost of living of just 0.1 per cent last month helped back to prevailing view that interest rates are set on a downward trend.

Institutions in the US are underweight on equity investment, and all the pundits are recommending switches into equities.

Only the fears of the impact of the Government's May funding remain to hold the market back. The outcome of the borrowing calendar for next month will be announced this week, and is a crucial factor for short-term money market rates. There is a view that money market rates may be pressured higher again.

### Equities

Imperial Chemical Industries' progress report on current trading from the annual general meeting was the main influence

### COMMODITIES

COMMODITY	Price	Change	Comment
<b>1000N METAL EXCHANGE</b>			
Aluminium	1105.50/1.00	1105.50/1.00	
Copper	118.50/1.00	118.50/1.00	
Gold	1087.00/0.00	1087.00/0.00	
Lead	1112.00/0.00	1112.00/0.00	
Nickel	296.00/0.00	296.00/0.00	
Platinum	307.50/0.00	307.50/0.00	
Silver	473.00/0.00	473.00/0.00	
Steel	141.00/0.00	141.00/0.00	
Zinc	98.00/0.00	98.00/0.00	
<b>SOYABEAN MEAL</b>			
100 lbs	148.00/0.00	148.00/0.00	
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High-tech fund

Target Trust Managers has decided that the new technology bandwagon is going to roll and roll. It is launching a Technology Fund (minimum investment £1,000), which is to be managed out of the United States but very largely (though not exclusively) will be invested there.

Monthly income

Barclays Unicom has decided to join the ranks of the unit trust groups providing monthly income. Those with a minimum investment of £5,000 can participate in the scheme, which provides an initial income of 8.24 per cent.

reckons that the income it offers will grow faster because only a comparatively small proportion of the investment goes into fixed interest stocks, while the rest goes into equities.

Boston policy

Boston Trust & Savings is marketing a new inflation-proof term assurance policy, the Boston Family Care Plan, through its 25 moneyshops. The policy, which is underwritten by Ambassador Life Assurance (a subsidiary of Abbey Life), offers benefits of up to £100,000 rising by 10 per cent each year over an initial ten-year period (premiums also increase by 10 per cent each year).

You can also convert to a whole life, savings or endowment policy provided by Ambassador Life at any time without evidence of health. A man aged 30 will pay a net monthly premium of £2.14 for £20,000 cover and £12.34 for £100,000 cover. Ambassador Life guarantees a full refund of premiums paid if you are accepted into a comparable plan offering better benefits at lower premiums within three months of taking out this policy.



Homeguard Plan

Peterborough Building Society has come up with an easy way to insure your home and its contents under a single policy. Under the Homeguard scheme, which is underwritten by Royal Insurance, contents cover (for up to 50 per cent of the value of the building, to a maximum of £30,000, is automatically provided along with the building insurance.

and also includes cover against loss or theft of personal money, and freezer breakdowns.

Premiums vary according to the area, but in London the cost for the combined home and contents cover works out at £4.70 a year for each £1,000 worth of building insurance.

Save and you earn

Under Abbey National's SAYE scheme 3, people who save regularly every month over five years will receive a tax-free bonus equivalent to 14 months' contributions at the end of the period. If the savings are left with the society for another two years, the bonus is doubled. The returns are equivalent to 11.88 per cent gross over five years and 12.31 per cent over seven years.



Rachel Heyhoe-Flint with Kate Ward (left) and Anne Gibbons

No ordinary peddlers

An all-girls sales force, spearheaded by international cricketer Rachael Heyhoe-Flint will shortly set off on a 14th century money trail in Hertfordshire. No less than 1,000 uniformed women are being trained by St George Assurance to sell insurance and savings products to women.

believe that insurance is not really marketed properly to women, half of whom work nowadays, and whose income is often as important to family as a husband's.

Insurance

Keep a healthy income in long-term illness

Many people make the assumption in their financial planning that they will continue working until they retire. They may take out some form of life insurance to protect their dependants in the case of their early death. Having done that they believe that they have covered every eventuality.

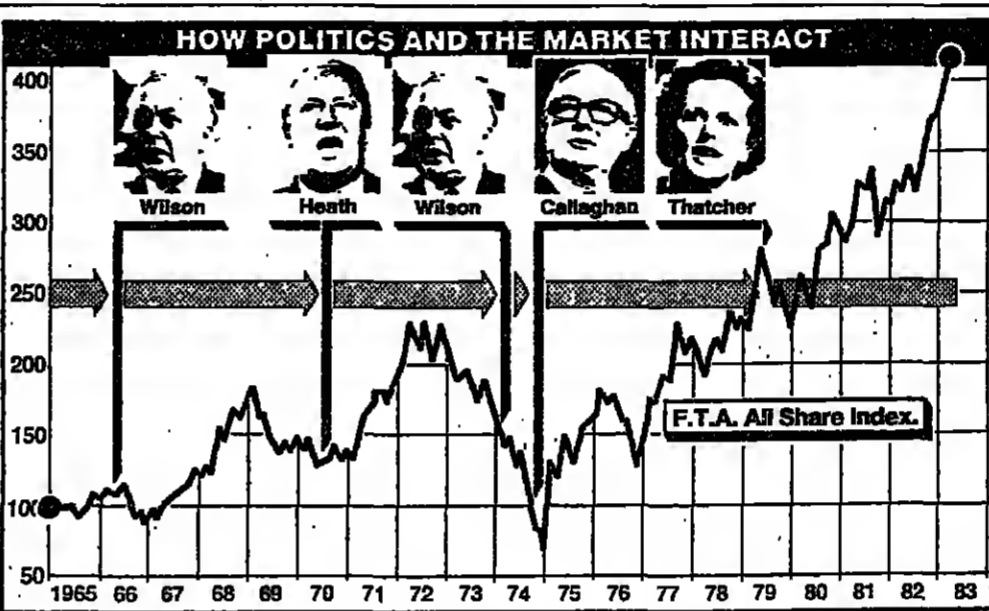
population is covered by this form of insurance. For everyone else, there is a choice of about 30 companies which offer permanent health policies fairly cheaply on an individual basis.

Most permanent health contracts undertake that the insurance company will pay you a fixed amount for as long as you are unable to work. Normally, the insurance company sets a maximum amount that can be insured, to avoid the possibility that some claimants might be tempted to stay at home and live off their permanent health benefit rather than return to work.

Shares

Markets flutter as election fever rises

Share prices at the moment are discounting a Conservative victory in the next General Election and peace and prosperity, or at any rate economic stability and rising output, thereafter. Even so, the index registers a little flutter every now and again as election fever builds up.



The market has foreshadowed the outcome of almost every election pretty accurately for the past 30 years. The most striking exception was 1970. Opinion polls then were forecasting a big Conservative victory three and two months in advance of the election, but in the final month they recorded a sharp swing to Labour and the share prices promptly plummeted.

rate in the short term. David Peel and Peter Pope of Liverpool University, who have done some research into the subject, (some of their findings were published in the January issue of the Investment Analyst), reckon that there is only a significant movement in the market when the result is a surprise. Hence the 5.5 per cent jump in the index in the month after the Conservative victory of 1970.

For investors, perhaps the most significant conclusion to be reached by Peel and Pope concerns the behaviour of stock markets directly before an election. Their research, and complementary studies in America, suggest that stock markets are generally ebullient in the month immediately before an election, whichever party is expected to win.

Investment Moves to monitor expatriates' advisers

The British expatriate attracts financial advisers like bees to a honey-pot. Unfortunately, among the bees there are often a few wasps and the expatriate can get badly stung.

Many who go abroad to work do so with the specific intention of making money, but they may not have had much experience of managing it. They are likely to be perplexed by the minutiae of investment plans, and dazzled by the promises of the get-rich quick brigade; and the learning process can be a very bitter one.

While many of the companies which send advisers out to areas such as the Middle East are entirely respectable, others are not; and at the moment there is no way for the inexperienced investor to distinguish which are the rogues.

At present there is no regulatory body to oversee the activities of expatriate advisers or to whom dissatisfied clients can complain. But that may be about to change. In recent weeks a group of advisers have held two preliminary meetings.

At the second meeting a steering committee was elected to prepare a draft constitution and membership rules. It members are drawn from the Expatriate Consultancy, Thomson's Overseas, Anderson Sinclair & Co, Partridge International, and Nicholson Harris Associates. (The secretary, to whom inquiries may be addressed, is Mr Gordon Rogers, managing director of Wilfred T Fry, Crescent House, Crescent Road, Worthing, Sussex.)

The next meeting is to be held in London on June 6 and it is open to all expatriate advisers. Whether the AEA develops into a watchdog with teeth, only time will tell. What is beyond dispute is that some form of regulation is needed and if the AEA does not provide it, who will?

David Young is director of the Expatriate Consultancy.

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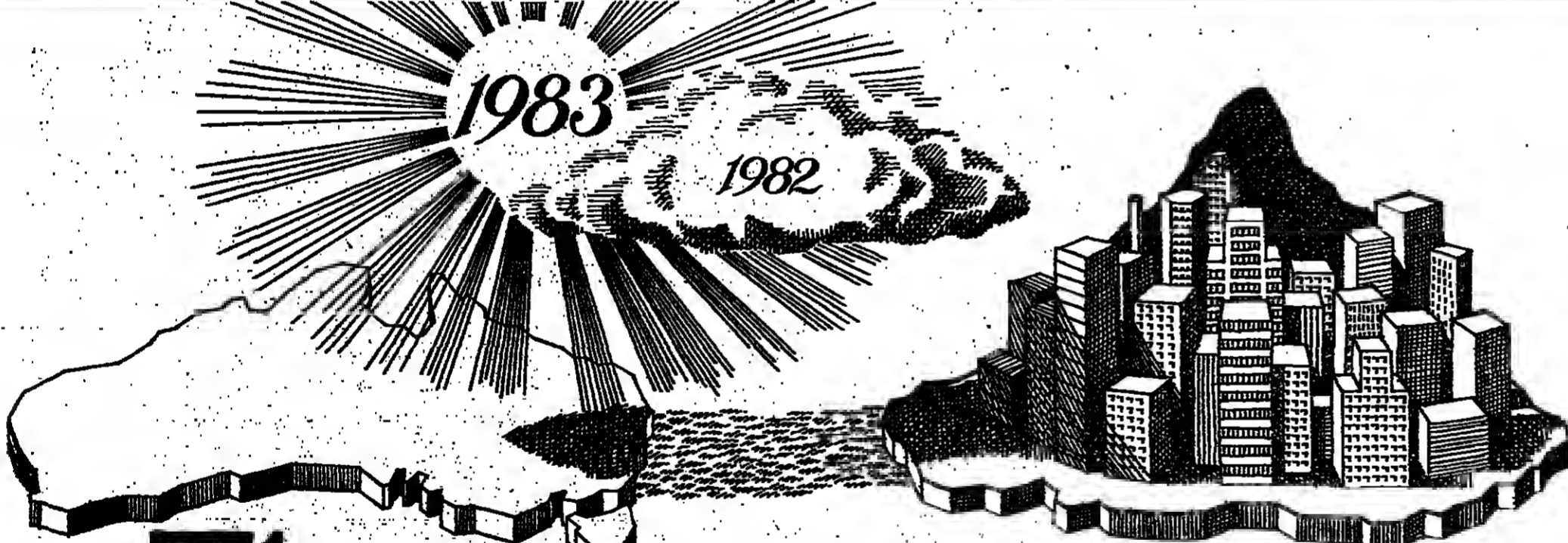
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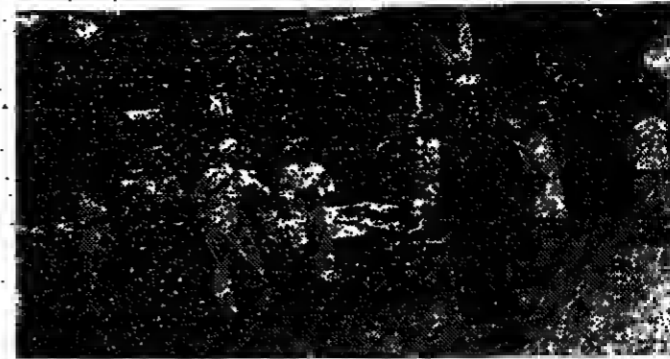


FAMILY MONEY

Expatriate property

Sorting out the mortgage maze while working abroad

If you are going abroad to work, one of your first problems is what to do with your UK home.



Expatriates' memories are made of this: a street scene in Jiddah and an old view of the Queen's Promenade at Kingston, Surrey

The first option, selling up, has superficial attractions. It leaves you free of the worries common in all property owners.

But the advent of Miras has made this consideration redundant in many cases. Until now, to obtain tax relief on mortgage interest, an expatriate had to have a source of income in the United Kingdom.

Since most expatriates keep their British income to a minimum, the mortgage had to be paid gross. Even then, it was a price worth paying if house prices kept moving ahead.

Mortgage interest relief is given while the property is the only or main residence of the borrower for his family or other dependent relative. This is patently not the case for someone living overseas for 46 weeks of the year.

The second alternative, keeping the house but leaving it empty for most of the time, also has an appeal. The house will be available for home leave, or when the going gets too tough abroad.

Other problems include the possibility of burglary, vandalism or squatters. Then there is the building society, which will raise objections if the vacant period is particularly lengthy.

That these problems exist, but it would be equally wrong to suggest that they cannot be overcome, or at least, minimized.

Although some building societies will insist that a mortgage is reduced to the sitting tenant value, most will be prepared to leave the existing mortgage undisturbed (except possibly to increase the rate) if they are satisfied with the lease agreement.

In conjunction with a specific notice, to be acknowledged by the tenant, which declares that the landlord is an owner-occupier within the meaning of the 1977 Rent Act, and that he or she will require possession for personal occupation at the end of the tenancy, and is entitled to it, under Case 11 of the 15th schedule to that Act.

With this type of lease, there is no need to specify a repossession date, notice to quit can be given at any time so long as the notice given is at least as long as the period for which rent is collected, that is, if rent is paid monthly, one month's notice is required.

It is, however, all very well having the property less but the tenant may still stay put until legally evicted. The prudent landlord will take account of this when granting the lease, or serving notice early. The rent foregone will be less than hotel expenses for a family. In addition, legal costs insurance is a wise precaution.

Finding a good agent is the next big difficulty. Although there is an abundance of estate agents in this country, relatively few are renowned for their proficiency with rented property. The landlord can best be guided by personal recommendation, possibly from his solicitor if he knows no one else in a similar position.

A good agent is well worth the fee he charges (commonly about 10 to 15 per cent of gross rent) as his duties should include selection of tenants, collection of rent and deposits, payment of bills, regular inspection of the property, preparation of accounts, and payment of income tax.

The last item brings up the other main worry - tax. If the rent is paid by the tenant to the overseas landlord, the tenant has to deduct 30 per cent of the gross rent and pay this to the Inland Revenue. It is then up to the landlord to claim any relief for allowable expenses. Where rent is collected by an agent, he is responsible for paying the tax and should retain enough rent to meet the out tax bill.

David Young

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Extracts from the Directors' Report Year ended 31st January, 1983

Table with 4 columns: Main Features, 1983, 1982, % Change. Rows include Gross Revenue, Net Assets, Earnings, Dividend, and Net Asset Value.

Dividend and Revenue

The receipt of dividend income was greater than we had anticipated and the after-tax revenue available for Ordinary Stockholders increased by 11.7% to £4,568 millions (1982: £4,088 millions).

As a result of these welcome increases in income we are pleased to recommend a final net dividend of 4.27p per ordinary stock unit making a total dividend for the year to 31st January, 1983 of 6.52p (1982: 5.92p) per ordinary stock unit.

Prospects in the current year for the growth of corporate profits in the United Kingdom and in the United States of America appear to be good with further increases expected in the receipt of dividend income.

Investments

The market value of the Company's investments grew to a record level of £137,793 millions (1982: £111,395 millions). This 23.7% rise compares with an increase of 19.4% in the Financial Times All Share Index and a 49.3% increase in the Standard and Poor's Composite Index, as adjusted for movements in the exchange rate.

We continued our policy of reducing investments in Canada and by the end of the Company's financial year these had been entirely extinguished and the proceeds invested in the United States of America where long term investment prospects are considered to be appreciably better.

United Kingdom

The principal changes we effected in our United Kingdom portfolio were as follows. We emphasised companies with a substantial export capability or overseas manufacturing presence. In general we sold the shares of companies whose dividends had remained unchanged for too long a period of time, as we are ever mindful of achieving an increasing return for the use of ordinary stockholders' risk capital.

United States of America

The most salient changes to our American portfolio were as follows. Energy stocks were further reduced and also other stocks closely allied to the energy industry. Convertible stocks were again emphasised in sectors of strong earnings growth such as computers, defence, hospitals and telecommunications.

reduction in the current year. Investments in the food manufacturing sector were further increased. This sector proved particularly resilient in the recession experienced last year.

Energy

The adverse conditions which prevailed in the energy industries during the year led us to believe that not only would the shares of energy companies underperform, but also that their ability to increase their dividends might be affected. Therefore, despite our long term bias towards energy, we felt it pertinent to reduce the energy content of our investments to levels which equated more nearly to the energy proportion contained in the Financial Times All Share Index and the Standard and Poor's Composite Index.

Whilst it remains our long term intention to increase investment in the United States of America to 40% of the Company, this may well take time to achieve due to the prevailing strength of the dollar against sterling. This trend seems likely to be maintained for as long as the outlook for economic growth and interest rates is better in the United States of America than in the United Kingdom.

We consider that the present threat to the international banking system will abate. We believe that international concern over oil price worries will diminish as the price of crude oil stabilises and it is perceived that the economies of the United Kingdom and the United States of America are net beneficiaries of cheaper energy. We also believe that there are clear signs that the principal nations of the Free World are at least beginning an economic recovery.

The United Kingdom stock market is likely to become increasingly pre-occupied with the timing and result of the next general election and will inevitably place great emphasis on the opinion polls.

In summary there is sufficient evidence to suggest that the worst of the world recession is over. We believe that the recovery in the American economy will be at a faster rate than that of the United Kingdom. We are optimistic that both the United Kingdom and American stock markets will show further modest rises by the end of our current financial year. Therefore we intend to maintain a fully invested position in both markets.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained from: The Secretary, The United States Debenture Corporation p.l.c., Austral House, Basinghall Avenue, London EC2V 6DD.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

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FAMILY MONEY

Pensions

# How early leavers could take their money with them

In South Africa, "brown baggers" are people who bring their own wine bottles to an unlicensed restaurant. It is not the kind of thing that merchant bankers normally do. But in a discussion paper presented to a select gathering of pensions managers and advisers at the Policy Studies Institute this week, Mr Philip Chappell, distinguished, greying, and senior merchant banker, called for "brown bag pensions" - perfectly legal, very portable, choose what you want when you need it, and away from all those absurd licensing laws administered by petty sessions.

Mr Chappell is worried about the fact that the largest asset of many people - their pension rights - is concentrated in the hands of a few professional investment managers administering the largest source of long-term savings in the country. He pointed to three main problems:

- Employees who leave their company before retirement age suffer serious loss of pension expectations;
- Concentration of investment means a shortage of venture capital - and the danger of nationalization in future;
- The members' lack of control of their own assets leads to an unhealthy lack of interest in investment policies.

He proposed a new, optional, system - giving employees the right to set up their own pensions "pot", with wide powers of investment, and with the aim of making capitalists of all scheme members.

And since it would be "money-purchase" (like current self-employed arrangements), the "pot" could follow the employee round from job to job. Employees who wanted to stay in their own final salary-based scheme would be welcome to do so.

Robin Ellison

# The Halifax calls off its little extra help

A controversial plan by the Halifax Building Society to introduce premium interest rates on instant access, high value deposits came to nothing last month.

The Halifax has confirmed that it "ventilated" at a Building Society's Association Council meeting, the idea that it should pay an extra one quarter point above the BSA's current basic rate - 6.25 per cent tax paid - on deposits of £5,000 and over. It claims that other societies also gave notice that they might make similar moves, and that the suggestions were inspired by the highly competitive products being offered by Abbey National, one of the biggest building societies.

It seems, however, that neither the Halifax nor any of the other big societies is yet ready to stomach a free-for-all, with rates based on size of deposit rather than period of notice. After a sharp initial reaction, societies that have adopted this policy are being ignored. Cheltenham & Gloucester had to face a barrage of criticism when it launched its gold account, offering 1 per cent extra on instant access accounts of £1,000-plus back in 1981. But no one has been inspired to emulate.

Abbey National's schemes pose more of a threat. Cheque and Save offers instant access plus one-quarter point premium over the BSA-recommended rate to depositors of £5,000 (and the cost of money transmission so high) that none of the other major societies show any enthusiasm for following suit.

But Abbey National's seven-day notice account, which pays a half-point premium on any account, has caused much more heart searching. So far, however, the ranks of the building societies are holding - though the Halifax initiative (not to mention the shortage of mortgage money) suggests that they may not do so for much longer.

Hilaire Gomer



## Westminster Assurance

# Clampdown on 'tax efficiency' opens a Pandora's box

Westminster Assurance backed down last week when the Inland Revenue blocked the new self-employed pension plan which it had introduced last February.

And the implications of the move could extend beyond pensions to a clutch of other insurance-linked products marketed under the tempting banner "tax efficient".

It cannot be ignored by anyone buying or selling financial products which breach the spirit of the law even if, strictly speaking, they adhere to its letter.

### Interest free

The Westminster scheme, called the Cash Restorer, was brilliant, but it lasted just six weeks. If you qualified for a self-employed pension you paid a premium of, say £1,000 and retrieved £700 immediately as an interest free loan. The basic rate taxpayer secured a feeble pension, but got the £700 (it cost him, after tax relief, straight back). The higher rate taxpayer would actually improve his cash flow in the process.

All of this was wonderful stuff, and Westminster took £7m in the first month. It was said that the Revenue had approved the pension plan. So why did the Superannuation Funds Office, the department that vets pension schemes, block it?

The SFO only has to approve the annuity contract, and never saw that loanback arrangement before it gave permission. Faced with a rather inoffensive, guaranteed non-profits pension plan - the sort of thing no insurance company in its right mind would try and market - it said yes. Only when the full

product was launched - including the Cash Restorer - did it realize what was on.

But in squashing the Westminster scheme it has raised the concept of "the overall contract", which recently saw the light of day in a celebrated Lords tax case.

Even if each separate part of a scheme is within the law the whole thing can be ruled out of court if the purpose and end result of the overall transaction is tax avoidance. For insurance companies and their clients this opens up a Pandora's box of possibilities.

Presumably the intention of this latest move is to let everyone know - and everyone includes consumers - that the SFO is not prepared to let the tax relief provisions of pensions legislation be distorted.

Westminster's claim that the Revenue's move could not have been anticipated is true in so far as there are no guidelines laid down for self-employed pensions - a clear omission on the part of the Revenue.

There are, for instance, guidelines covering loanback arrangements on both occupational pension schemes and directors' company schemes. But Westminster was warned by its own legal advisors, before the launch, that the Revenue would not like the scheme.

### Notorious

The affair has ended happily for those who took the policy - they are getting their money back plus 20 per cent interest, an ex gratia payment by Westminster.

The fact remains that the

policy was bought, and sold, in good faith, as an approved product. It is now in the interest of consumers that the Inland Revenue not stir up its inscrutable lizard-like reactions, should say more clearly what is and what is not acceptable.

And not just in pensions. For the concept of "overall contract" could end in tears for a number of other insurance-linked products whose promoters are adept at finding loopholes in the law. Other loan back schemes, under which the loans are granted in commercial terms, are thought to be safe. But take the capital and income bonds - a nice but, some say, questionable way for higher rate taxpayers to hold single premium bonds without incurring the eventual burden of "top slicing" or the investment income surcharge. With these bonds a financial figleaf in the form of a minuscule qualifying policy ensures that the benefits are tax free.

### Artificial

Despite objections from the Life Offices Association, which is worried that the insurance industry will lose its valuable tax status, the Revenue has done nothing.

As Mr Mark Weinberg of Hambro Life puts it: "Capital and income bonds are somewhat artificial in tax terms. But if the Revenue lets them carry on everyone else will start offering them too. Then we will have to: 'I want to be last man in: I think it will be a replay of the second hand bonds - once all the established companies climb in the Revenue will ban them."

Margaret Drummond

School fees

# Watch the wording when you are trying to beat the taxman

Even for the smallest family, school fees make a large hole in the budget. And under most circumstances they have to be paid out of net income.

At the moment, school fees can be paid by a parent in a way which is tax deductible only when they are paid under a court order for maintenance, and thus become the income of the child - against which the child can set his or her own personal allowance.

In the past, it was necessary for the fees to be paid to the child rather than to the school. But this was unsatisfactory, and in 1980 the Inland Revenue issued a statement of practice explaining that school fees paid under a court order could be deductible when paid direct to the school, provided that the school was acting as agent for the child.

The taxmen have now issued

a further statement clarifying the position, and from this it appears that:

- If the court merely orders the parent to pay the child's school fees, relief will be refused on the grounds that the order is only a continuation of the parent's normal responsibility to provide his child with a proper education. So it is important to watch the precise formula under which the payments are made, because a small change can make a substantial difference to the tax consequences.
- The payments are tax deductible only if it is shown that the fees are the child's rather than the parent's liability, and that the school is aware of this.

In recent years, some companies have tried paying scholarships directly to the children of their employees, hoping in this way to create tax-free

scholarship income in the child's hands, and thus aid the employee without actually giving him a taxable benefit.

This was recently tested in the courts (in *Wicks v Firth*) and the company, in this case ICI, won.

But the jubilation was short-lived. In the Budget the Chancellor foreshadowed legislation to block these schemes, and if that happens, employees would be taxed on such awards unless they were made before the Budget date, or are made from a fund of which not more than 25 per cent is used for employee scholarships.

This will make the cost of giving such a benefit considerably more expensive, and only time will tell whether employers will consider it worthwhile. So far, ICI, for one, had not made up its mind.

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Notwithstanding its gilded appearance the new coin, which became legal tender on Thursday, has no gold in it. It is made of nickel brass (a mixture of copper, nickel and zinc).

Demand for the real thing, however, continues strong. The fall in the price of gold in March (when the average London daily fixing was \$420.20, as against \$492.34 in the preceding month), brought out the buyers of kruggerands. Sales for the month totalled 602,234 ounces, more than double the 256,359 ounces sold in the preceding month.

And the price? Gold experts are taking heart from the equanimity with which gold weathered the most recent fall in the oil price, and reckon that the price of the yellow metal is in for a period of "consolidation".  
Moral: don't buy unless you are prepared to hold.

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

GEC shares wake up

Shares of electrical group GEC were stirred from their slumber yesterday with a 6p rise to 236p, after 240p, in the belief that the big US investors will have them on their shopping lists next account.

Dealers are already talking in terms of the shares hitting the 260p level next account after an estimated three million shares changing hands yesterday.

One influential broker has just published a bullish circular recommending a "full weighting" of investors funds for the shares. Apparently the group has been overlooked in the market's recent run up and now "looks a good solid investment".

Apart from benefiting from sterling's downward trend over the last 18 months when translating overseas earnings GEC also has several lucrative defence contracts in the pipeline which should be announced shortly.

However, with the jobbers still acutely short of stock, many of the institutions are expected to chase the shares higher when

some confusion by picking up about 1.4 million shares in Thomas Tilling at 89p on behalf of its "investment clients".

Tilling ended 4p off at 430p. But Lloyds insurance broker Minet Holdings lost 4p

There was speculative support for Britannia Arrow, the fund management remnants of the old Slater Walker empire, closing 3p higher at 60p after the London Trust's decision to sell its entire stake.

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Strange goings-on at Minster Assets. Yesterday the shares leapt 13p to a new high of 104p after hours when the jobbers apparently reluctant to make a price.

However, a firmer start to dealings on Wall Street saw prices close above their worst level since 4.0 down at 688.0, having been 4.8 lower earlier. That

It has been a good account for sugar group Tate & Lyle where the share price rose from 288p to close unchanged at 320p yesterday.

Brokers Grieson Grant think the shares could soon be worth £4. An agreement on sugar quotas at next month's international talks in Geneva and the recent turnaround into profits by its North American interests also bodes well.

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From John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent, Madrid

Sandy Lyle, the pride of Scotland, stole into the lead on the second day of the Madrid Open tournament yesterday.

partly to the use of a putter belonging to his wife, herself a professional golfer but temporarily out of circulation because she is pregnant.



Lyle: Pride of Scotland finding his touch

Before any worthwhile challenge could be mounted among the players who teed off in the afternoon the course was subjected to torrential rain and after an hour the greens began to vanish.

It has served him well over the last two days. He used it only 29 times yesterday, encouraged by a birdie from seven yards at the first hole in fact the tenth on the course.

The course gave as good as it got in the second nine. The eleventh, his second (570 yards), which had been mastered by an imperious two-iron on Thursday, seduced a chip into a bunker and Lyle had to hole from five feet to save him par.

Sam Torrance, suitably named for the conditions, was two under both for the day and the tournament. The second round will be resumed at 8 o'clock today, with 60 players still on the course.

Lyle finished brilliantly, with two birdies. He was within a yard or so of driving the eighth (324 yards) and hit a wedge shot to five yards at the last and holed the putt.

Brand maintained his new-found form with a 72, to add to his 70 of the day before and stand in close proximity again to Sieckmann, with whom he shared second place in the Tunisian Open last week. Sieckmann was a stroke better than Brand on both days here.

Bland, an amiable South African, came into the reckoning with his seventy, founded on two improbable eagles. Using a three wood at the 13th (310 yards), downhill and with a helpful wind, he ran the ball through a kindly bunker and up to one foot of the hole. At the long 15th he pitched in from 45 yards. He played the remaining

Nicklaus back to best

Carlswald, California. (Reuter) - Jack Nicklaus, having recovered from his back injury, had a seven-under-par 65 to take a stroke lead after the first round of the Tournament of Champions here.

Nelson leads the rest

Inamura (Reuter) - Rain washed out the second round of the Japanese International Open yesterday. Officials said that the tournament, the last leg of the Asian circuit, would be reduced from 72 to 54 holes.

Card of the course

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TENNIS

Another young Swedish starlet is born

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The teenage Swedes seem to be upon us in droves. First, Bjorn Borg, then Mats Wilander and his sparring partners, and now Stefan Edberg, aged 17 (and there are plenty more where he came from).

next week and New York the week after that. The 6ft 3in Smid, heavily moustached, has an uncommon capacity for work and likes to have his family around him while he is doing it.

Then he beat Andrew Jarrett and Chris Lewis in straight sets on the same day and yesterday advanced to the semi-final round with a 5-7, 7-6, 6-1 win over the fifth seed, Patric Tarozzy. Interrupted by rain, the match spanned 4hr 50min.

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By Richard Streeton

Bridgetown, Barbados (AP) - The Indian captain, Kapil Dev, and the team manager Hanuman Singh both complained about the West Indian bowling tactics to the Fourth Test match in Barbados.

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By Richard Streeton

Kandy, (Reuter) - Australia shrugged off their recent moderate form and quickly took command on the opening day of the Test Match against Sri Lanka yesterday.

NatWest win is worth more

By Richard Streeton

Prize-money for the NatWest Bank Trophy has been increased by £5,900 this year. The winner will receive £10,000 and the runner-up £6,500.

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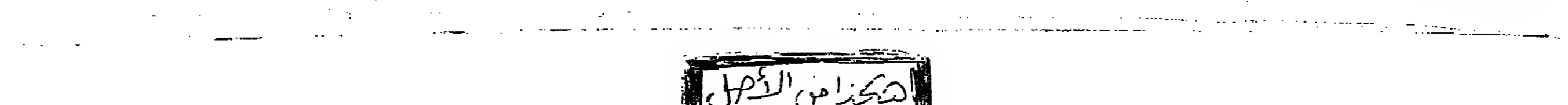
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Cock Robin can rule the roost in Derby trial

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

In recent years no race run early in the season has been a more reliable pointer to the outcome of the Derby than the Guardian Classic Trial, which is just one of the gems on a stud programme at Sandown Park this afternoon.

In 1978 conditions were pretty similar underfoot to what they will be today when Whitstead stormed home on ground that he adored. However, those who had eyes for more than just the winner could not have failed to notice Shirley Heights finish extremely well in second place and it was he who delivered the goods on Derby Day, out Whitstead.

The next three years saw this particular trial even more productive as far as the Epsom classic was concerned. First Troy then Henry and finally Shergar all used this race as a successful stepping-stone to greater glory and fame at Epsom.

It is said that all good things come to an end sometime, and so it did last year when Peace-time, the winner of the Sandown Trial, failed to run up to expectations in the Derby. But as his eclipse at Epsom is the sole blot on the history of today's trial in recent years, interest in today's race is in no way diminished. On the contrary, with Cock Robin, Gordian, Polished Silver, Russian Roubles and Welsh Idol all standing their ground, we are promised a marvellously instructive race so long as one of these beholds the main participants has held feet at the last moment.

While all their rivals were concentrating yesterday on laying odds on such diverse targets as the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas, the Sandown Gold Cup, football matches galore and the World Snooker Championship, the Tote went it alone and chanced their arm on the Derby.

Only Gorytus (6-1); Dunbeath (8-1) and Caerleon (10-1) are above Cock Robin and Russian Roubles, who are bracketed together in their ante-post book at 14-1. Next in the Tote's list is Queen's Special Leave at 16-1. The fact that all three of today's contestants are trained by men who have actually sampled the sweet taste of victory in the Derby already makes this trial that much more savoury.

Sandown Park

Draw advantage: 100 numbers best. Tote double: 2.55, 4.10, 10.25, 15.35, 4.40. Television (TV) 1.45, 2.16, 2.55 and 3.35 races.

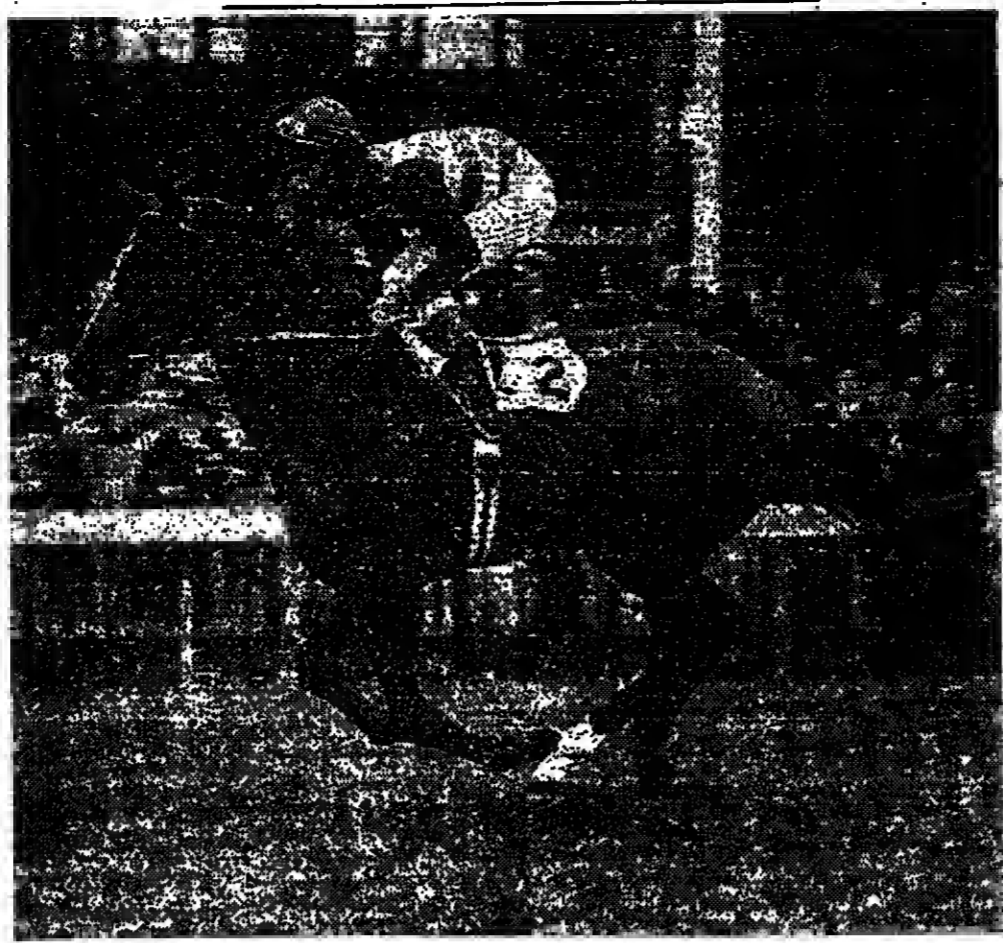
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103 GARDIAN (B) Sandown (10-1) W Westman
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From Desmond Staeahan, French Racing Correspondent. The Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) at Longchamp tomorrow looks to be between Saint Cyrien and L'Emigrant. The colt's disappointing effort in the Fontainebleau can be blamed on the totally inadequate pace-maker, Biologiste, who either would not or could not keep up the gallop for more than four furlongs. Finding himself left in the lead Freddie Head decided to keep up the gallop to the line without giving Saint Cyrien a chance to catch his breath. On bottomless ground Saint Cyrien could not keep up the effort and was finally beaten two and a half lengths by Castle Guard.

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112 2 TIME MACHINE (F) Waterford (9-0) W Westman
113 1 TOP OF THE STRICH (J) Horgan (8-1) W Westman
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Two raise cup curtain by varied drawstrings

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

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Ferrasse rebuts S Africa rumours

Agon, (Renter) - The French Rugby Federation president, Mr Albert Ferrasse, has denied that French players might join an international tour of South Africa after cancellation of the tour by the French team, scheduled for June.

Mr Ferrasse was responding to speculation in the South African Press that the tour, scrapped after opposition from President Mitterrand, could go ahead involving players from Britain and France, invited as individuals.

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DAVID MILLER

Barcelona For 20 years, in an arena of the most intense domestic rivalry to be found anywhere in the sporting world, Barcelona have been playing Elizabeth Taylor's Madrid's Katherine Hepburn...

illustrious coaches, the chain-smoking, laconic, hawk-beaked Cesar Luis Menotti, who guided Argentina to World Cup success in Buenos Aires in 1978.



Menotti: pretender to the throne

million. But once the match starts the pressures are the same. Menotti is paid, it is said, around £60,000 a year, excluding bonuses, which the kind of success Barcelona crave could easily double.

Seabrook's oration to the men of the north on the eve of the battle of Brooklands

One of the most captivating matches to be played in the north of England this winter will take place at Brooklands today when Sale and Orrell will decide who are to head the Northern merit table.



Agincourt man: Seabrook dispenses Churchillian spirit.

Ken Jones was in charge, has also guided Lancashire's fortunes as their coach ever since John Burgess retired in 1974.

Agincourt seem positively tongue-tied. In this context I will remember covering a Lancashire Cup final for television in which Seabrook's half-time oration was recorded; viewers wrote in to the programme lamenting the fact that the Churchillian spirit he exemplified was not generally apparent in the country.

Advancement in coaching for Seabrook seemed a certainty to those of us who admired his dedication and character. It was not to be. Perhaps his lifelong refusal to call a spade by any other name counted against him and the equally admirable Richard Greenwood, a former Cambridge Blue and England captain, has been preferred.

Ballesteros date

Sveinsson Ballesteros heads the entry for the £60,000 Car Care Plan International golf tournament at Sand Moor golf club Leeds, from May 13-22.

Michael Stevenson

Europe, last played the Dutch in the European Cup at Hanover five years ago and held them in a goalless draw. With both sides preparing for this year's European Cup at Amstelveen (Netherlands) in August, the games have an extra edge.

VIDEO REVIEW: BOWLS, RIDING, TENNIS AND ROWING

Long stormy spring time wet conditions April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come.

HOCKEY: HOME THOUGHTS AND MORE FROM ABROAD

England show strength after extra time

England beat United States 4-1 in extra time yesterday to take fifth place in the World Cup tournament. United States led 1-0 at half-time and the full-time score was 1-1.

Cope's qualities are recognized at last

The Welsh selectors took a long time to recognize the qualities of Gary Cope, aged 27, a schoolmaster from Swansea. He is in the Welsh squad chosen for two matches against Netherlands, sponsored by ClubTurf, at Swansea today and tomorrow.

Summer of the action replay

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FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table with multiple columns listing football fixtures (Premier division, First division, etc.), rugby fixtures (Scottish premier division, etc.), and other sports fixtures.

ATHLETICS

Ovett on the road to Oslo

The road to Helsinki and the first world championships in August starts for Steve Ovett tomorrow in neighbouring Norway. Ovett's first international race since his injuries and illness of last year will be the Oslo 10-kilometre road race that he won in 1980.

FISHING

Peace and pleasure on a small lake in the wild

The popularity of the small privately-owned trout lake shows no sign of abating. The numbers have increased year by year. Last year there were 60 in Hampshire alone.

MOTOR CYCLING

Big leeway for Uncini to make up

Monza, (Renter) The world 500cc champion Franco Uncini, of Italy, has to win the Monza Grand Prix tomorrow to secure a place with his American and British rivals.

TOMORROW

SEVENS TOURNAMENT: Middlesex: Preliminary rounds (1.40, at Stockham, Eden Park, London). ... RUGBY UNION: RUGBY LEAGUE: BARROW v WARRINGTON (11.15, at Stockham, Eden Park, London).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Triathlon National Championships (at Crystal Palace NSC). ... RUGBY: Rugby Union: Wales v Netherlands (8.15, at Cardiff, Cardiff City, Cardiff).

World surfing contest

The first professional surfing contest of the world standing in Europe will take place at Newquay from August 23 to 28.





Law Report April 23 1983

Natural meaning of 'affirmation' for extradition

Regina v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Dowse

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Keith of Kinkel and Lord Brightman

(Succeeded delivered April 21)

The word "affirmation" in section 14 of the Extradition Act 1970 as extended by section 4 of the Extradition Act 1973 and in article 15 of the Swedish Extradition Treaty, scheduled to the Sweden...

The reference in sections 14 and 15 of the Act and article 15 of the Treaty to affirmations and statements "made" in the state that was requesting extradition, and a requirement in section 15 (3) that they should be certified under the hand of a judge, magistrate or officer of the foreign state where the same were taken, indicated that an affirmation to be admissible in evidence had to be one the making of which involved some formality of an official character and made it clear that where the formality consisted of the affirmation being made in proceedings before a judge or magistrate having been given a certificate that effect that was sufficient to make the statement certified by the judge or magistrate as having been made in those proceedings admissible in evidence in extradition proceedings brought under the Extradition Act.

The House of Lords unanimously so held when dismissing an appeal by Neil Bernard Dowse, of Slough, against a refusal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court to grant him a writ of habeas corpus securing his release from Pentonville Prison where he had been committed by a Metropolitan Magistrate to await extradition to Sweden for offences in connection with the importation and smuggling into Sweden of heroin.

Section 14, as extended, provides that affirmations taken in a foreign state... may, if duly authenticated, be received in evidence...

Article 13 provides: "The authorities of the requested state... shall admit as evidence... a sworn deposition or affirmation taken in the territory of the requesting party..."

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LORD DIPLOCK, with whose speech all their Lordships agreed, said that the only question on the appeal was whether a confirmation given by one Michalski before the district court at Huddinge of statements incriminating the appellant, taken in the Divisional Court's judgment, constituted an affirmation of the admissibility of that evidence in the proceedings against Dowse as co-defendant with Michalski in the same proceedings as against Dowse, which had been commenced against him, could not make inadmissible the duly authenticated record of the proceedings in that court incorporating Michalski's statements to the police and recording his confirmation of their accuracy before the judge.

In the Divisional Court's judgment, the criterion of the admissibility of an affirmation that was made in circumstances of solemnity and gravity - a requirement which they held to have been satisfied.

In adopting that criterion they were following what had been said by Lord Justice Ackner in R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Dowse (1981) 1 WLR 1031, 1036: "What is required, where the statement has been made in its adoption in circumstances which recognize the solemnity and gravity of the occasion, is that the truth be in aid on the particular occasion."

His Lordship would agree that that might be the appropriate criterion to apply to proceedings which took place in a country other than England - Sweden in the present case - where certain categories of witnesses of fact were not permitted to give evidence before a court on oath. It had to be understood in some wider sense.

The primary and natural meaning of an "affirmation" in ordinary speech was a confirmation or declaration that something was true; and his Lordship saw no reason for not giving to the word, where it appeared in section 14 of the Act and article 13 of the Treaty, its primary and natural meaning.

Whether car was on the public road

Lewis v Ursell

Where a motor car collided with a gatepost on private land adjacent to the public highway, then an accident which occurred owing to the presence of that vehicle on the road within the meaning of section 5 (2) of the Road Traffic Act 1972. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held on April 22, dismissing an appeal by case stated from the Southill Justices.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, with whom Mr Justice Mann agreed, said that from the evidence it was plain as a pluckstaff that the collision could only have occurred because the vehicle's presence on the road, as it drove off either the road or the footpath which formed part of it.

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Lewis v Ursell

BIRTHS

CAMERON-MOWAT - On 19th April, to Rosemary (Mrs) Cowie and her husband, James Mowat, a son, James Mowat Cameron-Mowat, born 19th April 1983.

COTTELL - On 16th April to Valerie and John Cottell, a son, James Cottell, born 16th April 1983.

WINTERBURN - On 21st April, to Mrs. J. Winterburn and Mr. J. Winterburn, a son, James Winterburn, born 21st April 1983.

ISLAND - On 22nd April 1983, to Mrs. J. Island and Mr. J. Island, a son, James Island, born 22nd April 1983.

WINGSTON - On 16th April 1983, to Mrs. J. Wingston and Mr. J. Wingston, a son, James Wingston, born 16th April 1983.

LONDON - On April 21st, to Mrs. J. London and Mr. J. London, a son, James London, born 21st April 1983.

SNOW - On April 20th to Ann Macmillan and Peter, a daughter, Victoria Snow, born 20th April 1983.

STAPLETON - On 12th March, to Mrs. J. Stapleton and Mr. J. Stapleton, a son, James Stapleton, born 12th March 1983.

THOMAS - On 25th April to Jennifer and Robert, a son, James Thomas, born 25th April 1983.

BIRTHDAYS

DENIS CLARKE of Walsingham, Norfolk, 64th birthday. From the family.

MARRIAGES

HARTLEY J. Michael and Victoria were married on 22nd April at St. Paul's Church, London.

PINE - MISS MARGARET ANN and Mr. J. Pine were married on 21st April at St. Paul's Church, London.

WHITTE - MISS ELLIS on April 9, 1983, to Mr. J. Whitte, at St. Paul's Church, London.

DEATHS

MIDDLETON - On April 21st in Glasgow, Scotland, Robert Middleton, aged 78, died of cancer.

SMITH - On April 21st, 1983, in London, England, died of cancer.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NICHOLSON - The funeral service for James Nicholson, 68, will be held at 11.30 am on Monday, April 25, at St. Paul's Church, London.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CANCER - The Cancer Research Campaign is launching a new campaign to raise awareness of cancer.

HEALTHY THANKS - In grateful thanks to all those who helped us during the illness of our late husband, Mr. J. Smith.

JOURNALIST - The funeral service for Mr. J. Journalist will be held at 11.30 am on Monday, April 25, at St. Paul's Church, London.

WORK YOUR WAY AROUND THE WORLD - A new book by J. Work Your Way Around the World, published by ABC Books.

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS

APRIL/MAY HOLIDAYS - A selection of holiday homes and villas for the month of April and May.

PILGRIM AIR ITALIAN FLIGHT SPECIALISTS - Offering special rates on flights to Italy.

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STERLING TRAVEL - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

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COSTA RIVIERA - Offering special rates on flights to Costa Rica.

CAP SERVAL - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

ADRIATIC APARTMENT - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS - A selection of holiday homes and villas for the month of April and May.

MAY BARGAINS TO THE GREEK ISLANDS OF POROS & CORFU FROM £139 - Offering special rates on flights to the Greek islands.

UP, UP AND AWAY - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

LOW COST FLIGHTS - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

MENTON N. MONTE CARLO - Offering special rates on flights to Menton and Monte Carlo.

BAY OF ST TROPEZ - Offering special rates on flights to the Bay of St Tropez.

TURCAN FARMHOUSE - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

COASTLIFTERS ON FLIGHTS/HOLIDAYS - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

SOUTH OF FRANCE - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

CRETE - Offering special rates on flights to Crete.

CHEAP FLIGHTS WORLDWIDE - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

FLIGHTS FROM COSTA RICA - Offering special rates on flights to Costa Rica.

TRAVEL - Offering special rates on flights to various destinations.

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WINDSURFERS - Wanted for various destinations.

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WINDSURFERS - Wanted for various destinations.

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ENTERTAINMENTS - A list of entertainment events and venues.

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WINE TASTINGS - A list of wine tasting events.

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URGENT LIVE IN DOMESTIC HELP - A list of urgent live in domestic help services.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
8.55 Edger Kennedy: Noisy Neighbours: 9.15 Get Set
11.00 Film: Trouble Brewing (1939)
12.30 Grandstand. The line-up is: 12.30 Football Focus; 1.05 World Snooker...

TV-am

- 6.00 Daybreak, followed by 7.00 by Good Morning Britain and the children's programme, Data
12.15 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.20 Sporting Times; 12.30 Sports Challenge...

ITV/LONDON

- 9.30 Sesame Street with the Muppets; 10.30 The Saturday Show; 11.00 The Young Viewers; 11.30 The Young Viewers: 12.20 Sporting Times...



Bernie Cornfeld addressing his ICS colleagues in 1969: Swindell (Channel 4, 7.45 pm)

BBC 2

- 8.25 Open University.
3.10 Film: Father Goose (1964). Enjoyable wartime comedy, with Cary Grant as the South Pacific beachcomber who, pressed into service as a military observer, has also to look after a French schoolteacher (Leslie Caron) and her seven girl pupils.
5.05 Grand Slam: The Great Britain v the United States bridge tournament continues, with Britain still slightly ahead.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.20 Go Fishing, with Jack Charlton, a leading seaman in the River Tay at Durdale - after a tough fight.
2.50 Film: Miracle on 34th Street (1947) Heart-warming, wholly successful whimsical tale of a New York department store Santa Claus (Edmund Gwenn) who really believes in Father Christmas. With Mauran O'Hara, John Payne.
4.35 Password: World association game, with Suzanne Danielle and Martin Jarvis as guest players.

BBC 1

- 6.50 Open University (until 8.55).
9.00 Pigeon Street (7: 9.15 Knock Knock). The Muslim story of The Two Slaves, told by Tony Mason; 9.30 This is the Day: An act of worship.
10.00 Asian Machines with the Pakistani film-maker Mubtigh Gazdar. And more questions about the Nationality Act.
12.10 The Skill of Lip-Reading: 12.35 Never too Late: The mature student (7: 1.00 Farming: 1.25 Blizzards: Wonderful Wooden Toys: Richard Blyden and complete his Royal-Royal Story Ghost: 1.50 News.

TV-am

- 7.00 Rub-a-Dub-Tub: for the eight-year-olds and under, followed by Good Morning Britain, with Michael Parkinson, at 8.00. Items include news at 8.00, 8.30 and 9.15; Sunday Papers reviews at 8.10 (approx) and 8.00 (approx) political gossip at 8.35; Books spot, at 8.40; discussion of the week, at 8.45 and 9.05, and trailer for tomorrow's Good Morning Britain at 9.12; Closedown at 9.15.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.30 Me and My Car: More faults that come to light in MOT tests; 10.00 Morning Worship: Hindu service from the Temple of the New Temple; 11.00 Getting On: Fashion and the elderly; 11.30 God's Story: Paul, the Traveller (7: 11.45 Cartoon Time.
12.00 Weekend World with Brian Walsh: David Steel talks about the Liberal/SDP Alliance and the prospects for a June election.
1.00 University Challenge: undergraduates in general knowledge quiz; 1.20 Police 5.
1.45 The Spring Summer: Portrait of a young actor, Louise Lacroix, from Southampton, with an eye on the 1988 Olympics.
2.15 London News. Followed by: 2.17 Film: Double Bank (1961). Breezy British comedy about newspaper life in an old house-boats.
4.00 The Fugitive: Murder hunt police cord off an area where Kumbie (David Jackson) is waving his jacket.
5.00 The Prince and Princess of Wales in New Zealand: ITN highlights.
5.30 The Boy Who Won the Pools: the serial continues.
6.00 Credos: Jews in Britain are worried about the sharp drop in the attendance at synagogues. Some of them are interviewed; 6.30 News.
6.45 Sing to the Lord: religious music from Wales.
7.15 Making Dumps: Cupid is at work in Rugby's lodging house (7).
7.45 Cuffy: Cuffy and Jake (Bernard Cribbins, Jack Doolan) are interviewed about an attractive widow (Sarah Lawson).
8.15 Film: Too Many Chefs (1978) Comedy about the murder of a number of famous international chefs in circumstances related to their own special dishes. With George Segal, Robert Morley.
10.15 News from ITN.
10.30 The South Bank Show: Melvyn Bragg interviews the writer William Trevor whose new novel Fools of Fortune is published this week. He also sees extracts from some of his fine plays.
11.30 Loridon News Headlines. Followed by: Men of Science. Professor Ian Felix talks to Professor John Ashworth, Vice-Chancellor of Salford University, who formerly with the Central Policy Review Staff.
12.00 Close. With Michael Hordern.

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (ends at 1.55).
1.55 Sunday Grandstand. Snooker - swimming; ice hockey; tennis; and show jumping. The snooker at 2.00 and like the other sports, again at regular intervals throughout the afternoon) is the Embassy Championship from Sheffield: the second-round matches; the swimming (at 2.45) is the Yorkshire Bank International from Great Britain and the Netherlands; from Blackpool; the ice hockey (at 3.45) is the World Championship from Dortmund, Finland v Sweden Tennis (at 3.30) is the Volvo World Cup Final, from Vienna.
5.55 News Review: Jan Leeming.
6.30 The Programme: Rebuilding Beirut. A film about the re-emergence of Middle East business in the city that has known so much death and destruction. An interview with Sir Geoffrey Howe.
7.15 The World About Us: Life on a Silk Thread. The world of the spider. How it has evolved a strategy to obtain a meal and find a mate. How Black Widow got its name. And the answer to the question: is it true that the female spider always eats her mate?; 6.35 News.
8.10 World Snooker: Further five coverage from the Embassy Championship (more at 11.10).
8.45 International Pro-Celebrity Golf: Sean Connery and Albert Finney take on Lee Trevino and Evaristo Ballesteros.
9.35 Glasgow: The Broo. The Broo is what the Glaswegians call the Dole. And in this, the last of five portraits of the fine Scots, we learn something of the plight of the Scottish vagrant. We visit a hostel where men live in conditions not dissimilar to the workhouses of Dickens's day.
10.15 To Serve Them All My Days: Episode 3 of this adaptation by Andrew Davies of R.F. Dole's fine school story. Tonight: differing views on how war memorial money should be spent. With John Durnin, Frank Middlemass and Patricia Lawford (7).
11.10 World Snooker: Highlights from today's play in the Embassy Championship. Ends at 12.05 am.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.00 Root and Branch: Llew Gardiner interviews Lord Scarford, former president of the engineering union.
1.30 The Outsiders: John Piger interviews Helen Suzman, dauntless anti-apartheid campaigner from South Africa.
2.00 Mathews from the Met: Don Carlos, the New York production of Verdi's five-act opera has a scintillating cast (Domingo, Freni, Burmby, Nicolai Ghiaurov) and is conducted by James Levine. Sung in Italian, with English subtitles. The orchestra and chorus are those of the 'Met'.
6.00 Look Forward: Channel 4 trailers.
6.15 Badminton: The Famous Grouse World Doubles Challenge. From Gillingham. The final takes place next week. Playing for Britain: Martin Dew and Mike Tredgett, and Nora Perry and Jane Webster and Gillian Clark.
7.15 Music in Time: The recording of the music of Leonin, Perotin, Guillaume de Machaut, Landini and Dufay and much else including Gregorian chant from the Easter Mass sung by the monks of Einsiedeln in Switzerland.
8.15 Tell the Truth: Four celebrities (Beverly Anderson, Jeremy Beadle, Peter Purves and Claire Rayner) have to find out who's who. The host is Graham.
8.45 The Comedy Series: With John Alderton. Tonight, he turns his hand to TV. With Nigel Stock as the next-door neighbour.
9.15 Brideshead Revisited: Episode 2. Sebastian takes his mother to Venice to meet his father (Oliver) and his father's mistress (Stephanie Audran) from whom Charles receives a warning about Sebastian (7).
10.16 Wise Man and the Wheel: A re-assessment of the influence of Gandhi on modern Indian political documentary but a study of the impact on contemporary Indians of Gandhi's insistence on placing cotton spinning at the heart of his philosophy. Written and presented by James Bellini. Ends at 11.45.

Radio 4

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
8.20 News.
8.30 Farming Today.
6.50 In Perspective: Religious affairs, 6.55 Weather: Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News, 7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 In Perspective.
7.50 It's a Bargain, 7.55 Weather: Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News, 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.48 Yesterday in Parliament, 8.57 Weather: Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakfast. Holiday and travel news.
9.50 News Stand. Review of weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.10 Daily Service (7).
10.45 Pick of the Week (7).
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent. BBC correspondents throughout the world.
12.00 News.
12.05 News Box. Everyday financial problems.
12.27 I'm sorry, I haven't a Clue (1).
12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.05 Thirty-Minute Theatre 'Cutting Loose' by Angus Graham-Smith.
2.35 But, Chancellor. An inquiry into the Treasury (3).
3.05 News.
3.30 Groundswell. A series which looks at our environment (3).
4.00 News.
4.05 International Assignment. BBC correspondents on a current issue.
4.30 News.
4.35 The Take Slog.
4.50 Gaffney's Creek. Based on the correspondence of a young Welshman who was prospecting in Australia in 1851.
8.25 Week Ending including 5.50

Radio 3

- 6.00 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather: Travel; Programme News (7).
6.00 News: Sports Round-Up.
6.28 Desert Island Discs: Max Boyce (7).
7.20 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (7).
8.00 In Search of Temptations. Patricia Bore reflects on being English.
8.10 Wednesday-Night Theatre (7) with Robert Stephens and Alan Bennett. With Pauline Letts (7).
8.15 Dragon by Don Haworth.
8.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 The Joker in the Pack. What is the French nuclear strategy and do they understand it?
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness (1).
11.15 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (7).
12.00 News.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND
VHF only - Open University: 8.25-8.30am Weather; Travel. 8.35-8.40am Shipping Forecast. 8.45-8.55am Programme News. 8.55-9.05am Programme News.
Radio 2
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# Nazi rise and fall: Hitler at his peak and Hess the lonely survivor



1933—Germans mobbing their Führer at Nuremberg the year he became Chancellor; 1981—Rudolf Hess walking alone in the gardens of Spandau prison, Berlin.

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Local units of the Wehrmacht inspected the wreckage, but in the turmoil of the time the contents not be officially registered. One so far unidentified officer found the steel boxes with the diaries and took them away, concealing them for many years in East Germany.

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Stern has not said exactly how the diaries were brought across to the West; if their existence had been known by the East German authorities they would certainly have been confiscated, and anyone known to be engaged in smuggling them out might well be shot. The eventual owner contacted Stern three years ago after most of the documents had already been deposited in a Swiss bank. The magazine proposes to publish virtually the entire contents of the diaries, grouping various entries on different occasions under themes, such as "Hitler and the Jews", "Hitler

and his Women," and "Stalingrad." One intriguing sidelight disclosed by the diaries is that Hitler thought Neville Chamberlain was a skilled hard negotiator. In entries dealing with his meetings with the British Prime Minister, whom history has judged harshly for not standing up to the German dictator, Hitler expresses admiration for the toughness and tenacity of his opposite number. Yet when Britain declared war after Germany's invasion of Poland, Hitler was surprised and devastated.

Germany, Switzerland, Spain and South America. The existence of the diaries had been kept a secret from all but a handful of the magazine's senior staff. Lord Dacre said a vital clue in tracking down and confirming the documents' authenticity was that Hitler spoke about them to General Hans Baur, his personal pilot, who is still alive.

clear examples of his disingenuousness emerge in his writing about the Jews. He never hints that he had any direct knowledge of or hand in organizing the Holocaust. But in his entry dealing with Kristallnacht, the night in 1938 when synagogues were systematically burnt, Jewish shops and establishments vandalized and Jews subject to brutal mob terror, Hitler deprecates such destruction, complaining about the breaking of so much valuable glass.

decided, Hitler has a typical hate-filled passage in which he rages at the Jews for expecting to be fed and clothed by the Reich while at the same time being its enemies. He does not actually state that the Jews were to be liquidated. But he explains that if they could not be resettled in the East and since no other country would accept them, they should be sent to sea and the boats sunk.

The diaries will inevitably provoke a storm of reaction, especially in West Germany where recent months have seen an almost obsessive interest in, and shame for, the events and brutalities of the Third Reich.

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A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first correct solution opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9JT. The winner and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winner of last Saturday's competition is Mr. David White, Grays Cottage, Princes Hill, Redlynch, Nr. Salisbury, Wiltshire.

ACROSS  
1 One cornered in game in Cardiff for instance (6).  
4 Part of the log shows prayer as rejected (8).  
10 Safe to play possum in an old overcoat (11).  
11 Many leap nut from this tree (5).  
12 Pray in the old-fashioned way (7).  
13 Adam was nnc to save (7).  
14 Understand it is a number (5).  
15 Hence pot on coat of many colours (5-3).  
18 Such as the possession of Gadarene swine (8).  
20 In the desert it may appear to disappear (5).  
23 Implication that Dr Jekyll's at home in this retreat? (4-3).  
25 Repeatedly state eastern attire is out (7).  
26 Severely criticize the joint (5).  
27 Investment concern nne in have confidence in (4-5).  
28 Producing good manners (8).  
29 One learned in legal proceedings (6).

### Today's events

Royal engagements  
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, attends the Volvo 1983 World Showjumping Cup Finals to Vienna; departs Heathrow 10.15.  
Prince Michael of Kent attends Standard Telephone and Cables Management Information Meeting, Barbican Centre, London, 9, accompanied by Princess Michael of Kent, attends Burma Star Association Reunion, Albert Hall, 6.45.  
Princess Alexandra attends thanksgiving service to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of St. George's Hospital, Westminster Abbey, 10.55.  
Glasgow Made It: Glasgow Chamber of Commerce bicentenary exhibition; Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends tomorrow).  
Paintings, ceramics, porcelain, silver anniversary tribute to the National Arts Collection Fund, Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle open, Tue; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 4.30, Sun 2.30 to 5.30 (ends tomorrow).  
Photographs by Garry Miller, Usher Gallery, Lincoln Road, Lincoln; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends tomorrow).  
Paintings and watercolours by James Lobley, Carwright Hall, Lister Park, Bradford; Tues to Sun 10 to 5, closed Mon; (ends tomorrow).  
Music  
Piano recital by Rosalind Runcie, St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, 7.30.  
Concert by Birmingham Bach Society, Birmingham Cathedral, 7.30.  
Bromsgrove Festival: St. George's Day concert by Bromsgrove Choral Society and String Orchestra and Grafovo Singers, Southside Hall, Worcestershire College, Bromsgrove, 7.45.  
Concert by Peterborough Philharmonic Orchestra, Peterborough Cathedral, 7.30.  
East Cheshire Show of the Alpine Garden Society, Bramhall Village Club, Lymm Lane, Bramhall, Cheshire, 11.30 to 4.30.  
Open day at Turvey Abbey and gardens, and display of work by the Benedictine sisters and Turvey lacemakers, Turvey Abbey Bedfordshire, 10 to 4.  
Tomorrow  
Royal engagements  
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attends the Queen's Scouts Parade to the Quadrangle, Windsor Castle, 2.  
Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, President, The Ladies' Guild of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital to Jerusalem, attends a concert by The Order of St John Musical Society, Barbican Centre, London, 7.10.  
Music  
Organ recital by John Scott, Gowhill and Cais College, Cambridge, 8.30.  
Recital by Aberdeen Bach Choir, St Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen, 8.  
Charity concert by Kriane Hungarian Orchestra, Athenaeum Theatre, Plymouth, 7.30.

### Roads

London and South-east: A40(M): Marylebone flyover and White City flyover closed westbound today and tomorrow. Heavy traffic on A3, A301 and A309 this afternoon. Traffic on A27, A276, A277, A278, A279, A280, A281, A282, A283, A284, A285, A286, A287, A288, A289, A290, A291, A292, A293, A294, A295, A296, A297, A298, A299, A300, A301, A302, A303, A304, A305, A306, A307, A308, A309, A310, A311, A312, A313, A314, A315, A316, A317, A318, A319, A320, A321, A322, A323, A324, A325, A326, A327, A328, A329, A330, A331, A332, A333, A334, A335, A336, A337, A338, A339, A340, A341, A342, A343, A344, A345, A346, A347, A348, A349, A350, A351, A352, A353, A354, A355, A356, A357, A358, A359, A360, A361, A362, A363, A364, A365, A366, A367, A368, A369, A370, A371, A372, A373, A374, A375, A376, A377, A378, A379, A380, A381, A382, A383, A384, A385, A386, A387, A388, A389, A390, A391, A392, A393, A394, A395, A396, A397, A398, A399, A400, A401, A402, A403, A404, A405, A406, A407, A408, A409, A410, A411, A412, A413, A414, A415, A416, A417, A418, A419, A420, A421, A422, A423, A424, A425, A426, A427, A428, A429, A430, A431, A432, A433, A434, A435, A436, A437, A438, A439, 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